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BRITISH TARIFF MANAGERS.

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SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

London, Feb. 19. During the House Commons debate on the Import Duties Bill, the clause establishing an Advisory Committee which will be empowered to recommend imposition of duties additional to the general ten per cent ad valorem duty was passed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said that although the word judicial did not appear in the clause, this body was going to be independent of the Executive and not subject to it. The fact that its members were appointed for three years gave them the necessary independence.

It was essential to secure the services of persons with the right personal qualities. Although a civil servant might properly be a member it would not be desirable that he should be the Chairman, because that might give an idea in the minds of the public that it was a Government Department subject to the influence or instruction of the Minister.

Impartial Men.

It would be inappropriate to appoint as Chairman a member who had been long associated in an active capacity in the conduct of a manufacturing or industrial business, or had been the representative of a Trade Union, for the Committee must preserve in attitude of impartiality. Nor did they want as Chairman a distinguished economist. They wanted a man who had a practical working knowledge of business although not himself connected with the manufacturing or distributive trades, and one who would command public confidence.—British Wireless.

BRITISH PLANS FOR WITHDRAWAL.

READY FOR EXECUTION AT CRISIS.

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Acting on instructions from the British Government, Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, the British Commander-in-Chief, China Squadron, convened a conference aboard his flagship, H.M.S. Kent, at which plans for the withdrawal of British women and children were discussed.

A further conference was later held at the offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

It is understood all the necessary plans for withdrawal have now been formulated, but they will only be executed in the event of the situation developing seriously in the International Settlement.

CHIANG'S MEN IN ACTION.

TWO DIVISIONS AT KIANGWAN.

GETTING WORST BLOW.

Shanghai, Feb. 20, 11.45 a.m. (Delayed).

At present the Japanese troops are attacking to the west along a wide front, in the north of the park, driving towards the Woosung Railway and Kiangwan Village.

Nearly the whole weight of the preliminary attack is in this direction. Japanese planes are bombarding this village, near which the Japanese forces are entering troops belonging to Chiang Kai-shek's Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth Divisions.

The Japanese are not launching their big offensive in Chapei at the moment. They are hoping first to turn the Chinese left.—Reuter.

AMERICAN CONSUL ANNOYED.

UNIVERSITY INCIDENT.

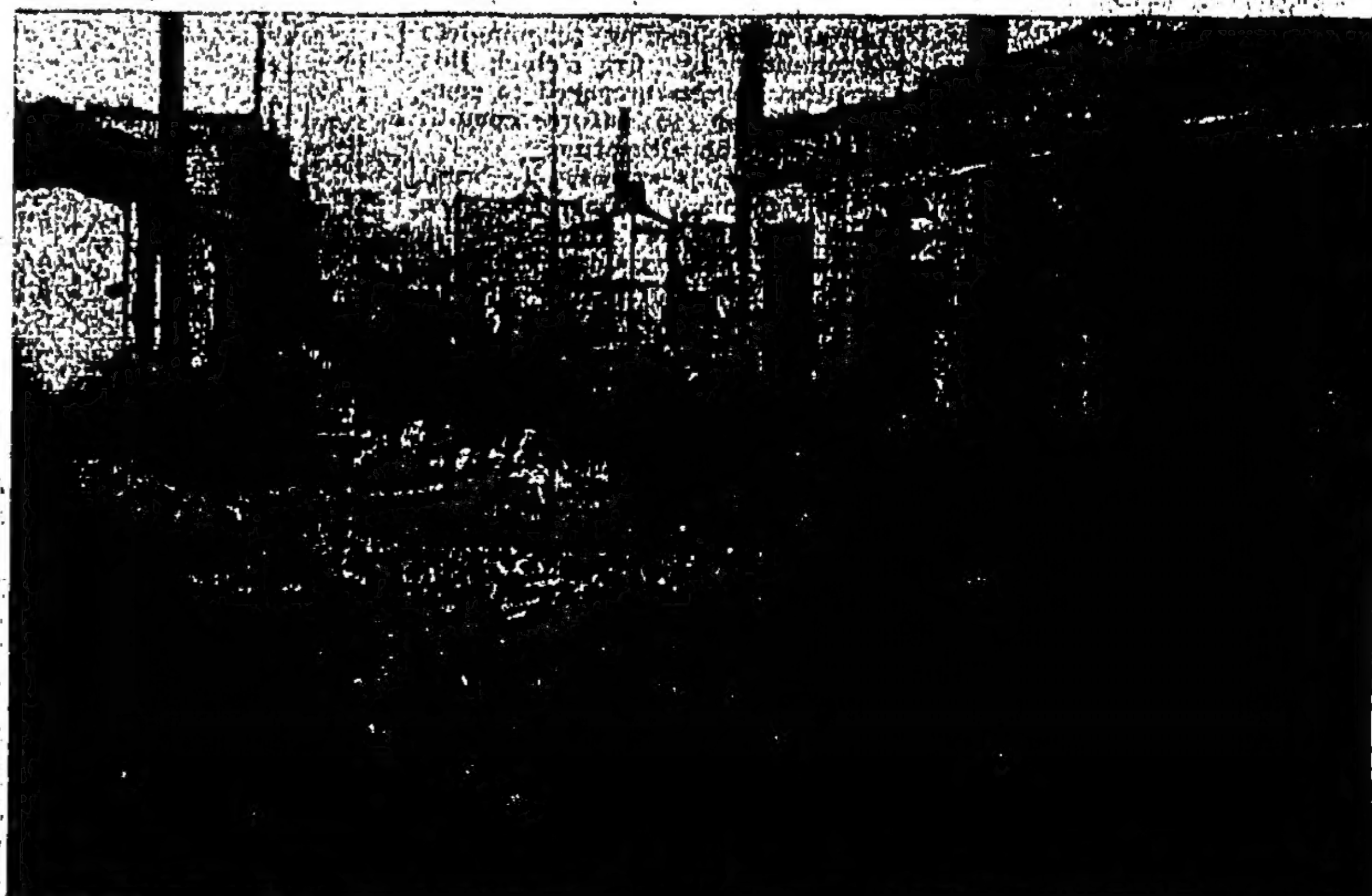
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Shanghai, Feb. 20, 1.30 p.m. It is understood that the American Consul-General has presented a formal protest to the Japanese Consul regarding the enforced closure of the Soochow University premises, which are American property.

The American Consul has demanded right of access to all American property and declares that Japanese interference with these rights cannot be tolerated.



A Chinese field-telephone in a specially erected dug-out on the Woosung front.



A remarkable picture showing the damage to the buildings of Chapei as a result of the intensive Japanese bombardments.

RECORDS BROKEN AT RACES.

BIG DIVIDENDS FOR PUNTERS.

JOCKEY THROWN.

New records were established at the opening day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Meeting today, which, favoured with delightful weather, attracted large crowds of turf enthusiasts to Happy Valley.

The first race resulted in a dead heat between Buchanan and Much Ado for first place, the former paying \$36.70 for a win and \$53.60 for a place.

Another big dividend was paid in the second race, Echo's backers receiving the substantial return of \$99.20.

A record for the half-mile was recorded in the first race, which was done in 59 seconds, whilst in the Sydney Maiden Mr. Heard brought home Changke in the record time of 1 min. 23.2/5 sec. for the six furlongs.

At the start of the Sydney Maiden, Mr. W. Ahorn was thrown from Calamity Jane and received slight abrasions on the head and face. The pony went round the course riderless.

1.—The Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Club of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey Allowance). Half a Mile. (Mr. F. M. L. Soares) Buchanan (Mr. F. Soares) 1

*Mr. Blish's Much Ado (Mr. Frost) 1
Mr. Chan Wai-sang's Espy (Mr. Ip Kai-yin) 2

*Dead heat. Twenty-seven starters. Dead heat; half length. Time:—59 secs. (a record). Pari-mutuel:—Win, Much Ado, \$11.40; Buchanan, \$36.70. Places, Much Ado, \$9.10; Buchanan, \$53.60; Espy, \$17.70.

2.—The Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes (Second Section).—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Club of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey Allowance). Half a Mile. Messrs. Grist and Beck's Echo (Mr. Clark) 1

Mr. A. E. M. Rafeek's City of Shanghai (Mr. Frost) 2
Mr. P. S. Jimmy (Mr. Roche) 3

Twenty-eight starters. A head; half a length. Time:—59.2/5 secs. Pari-mutuel:—Win, \$39.20; Places \$42; \$25.10; \$39.80

3.—The Maiden Stakes.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. Messrs. Kong Bros' Lunar Star (Mr. D. S. Li) 1

Messrs. Mackie & Grayburn's Dee (Mr. Clark) 2
Mr. D. J. Lewis' Doctor's Mandate (Mr. T. L. Wong) 3

Twenty starters. A short head; length and half. Time:—1 min. 28.4/5 secs. Pari-mutuel:—Win, \$23.10; Places, \$10.40; \$12; \$15.30.

4.—The Sydney Maiden Stakes.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifins of this Meeting, measuring 14 hands and under. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. Mr. Dyer's Changke (Mr. Heard) 1

Mr. Widdicombe's Zadderday (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2
Mr. Eve's Anniversary Eve (Mr. Charles) 3

Fifteen starters. Two lengths; many lengths. Time:—1 min. 23.2/5 secs. (a record). Pari-mutuel:—Win, \$29.30; Places, \$7.90; \$3.20; \$25.60.

5.—The Sydney Maiden Stakes (Second Section).—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifins of this Meeting, measuring 14 inch and over. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. Mr. Wong Ping-shun's Sunlight (Mr. Hill) 1

Messrs. Kong Bros' Polar Star (Mr. D. S. Li) 2
Mr. Kwong Sai's Wotin (Mr. Proulx) 3

Twenty-one starters. Two lengths; two lengths. Time:—1 min. 24.4/5 secs. Pari-mutuel:—Win, \$13.90; Places, \$6.90; \$3.50; \$12.70.

6.—The Poochow Cup.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at least three times at Race Meetings of this Club previous to this Meeting and have never won a race at such Meetings and Grifins of this Meeting allowed 7 lb. Subscription Grifins of this Club of this Meeting allowed 12 lb. (Jockey Allowance). Allowances accumulative. One and a Half Miles. Mrs. Dunbar's Sitting Bull (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Eve's Coronation Eve (Mr. Heard) 2
Messrs. Kong Bros' Bright Star (Mr. D. S. Li) 3

Six starters. Short head; short head. Time:—3 min. 10 secs. Pari-mutuel: Win \$10.70. Places \$4.50; \$14.40; \$9.70.

CASH SWEEPS

LUCKY NUMBERS AT THE RACES.

1st Race.

No. 398 \$ 489.60
" 398 489.60
" 539 108.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 36, 540, 99, 350, 504, 356, 296, 453, 203, 139, 437, 332, 279, 413, 36, 314, 471, 430, 84, 66, 165, 498, 304, 191.

2nd Race.

No. 479 \$1,009.40
" 347 288.40
" 169 144.20

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 602, 204, 61, 633, 381, 44, 156, 600, 42, 89, 486, 168, 80, 571, 391, 2, 485, 447, 285, 562, 303, 399, 77, 69, 501.

3rd Race.

No. 718 \$1,491.00
" 568 426.00
" 627 213.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 707, 77, 737, 427, 26, 275, 473, 78, 10, 691, 469, 21, 118, 575, 581, 733, 627.

4th Race.

No. 57 \$1,825.60
" 782 521.60
" 723 260.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 122, 1, 274, 384, 796, 167, 529, 405, 439, 571, 696, 478.

5th Race.

No. 458 \$1,750.00
" 802 590.00
" 371 250.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 520, 463, 258, 422, 71, 130, 787, 511, 847, 443, 466, 815, 245, 727, 737, 21, 360, 279.

6th Race.

No. 420 \$2,924.60
" 520 835.60
" 1033 417.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 166, 684, 839.

SURREY CRICKET SENSATION.

P.G.H. FENDER TO BE PASSED OVER.

(Rector's Special Service).

London, Feb. 20. Surrey County Cricket Club has decided to drop its pilot, P. G. H. Fender, who has captained the side since 1921 and has won the reputation of being one of the most astute and most daring captains in first-class cricket.

It is reported that when the change was intimated, friends suggested to Fender that he should say he would be unable to play in 1932, but Fender declined, emphasizing that if not elected captain he would still like to play for Surrey.

If the Committee adheres to its decision, it will therefore be faced with the embarrassing task of overlooking Fender.

The other candidates, apparently, are Mr. J. C. Allom and D. B. Jardine. Allom, when interviewed by Reuter, declined to comment on the matter, while Jardine's work as a lawyer will be an obstacle to his captaining the side.

SHOCKING SHANGHAI CARNAGE REPORTED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Agencies are informed that the following cable was also sent to General Uyeda: "Received your telegram. In reply, I want you to understand that the Nineteenth Route Army only receives its orders from the National Government."

Yesterday, General Uyeda made it quite clear that unless the Chinese had commenced to withdraw their front line positions by seven o'clock this morning, as an initial move, leading to complete evacuation by five o'clock this evening, he was prepared to commence action to enforce compliance with the ultimatum.

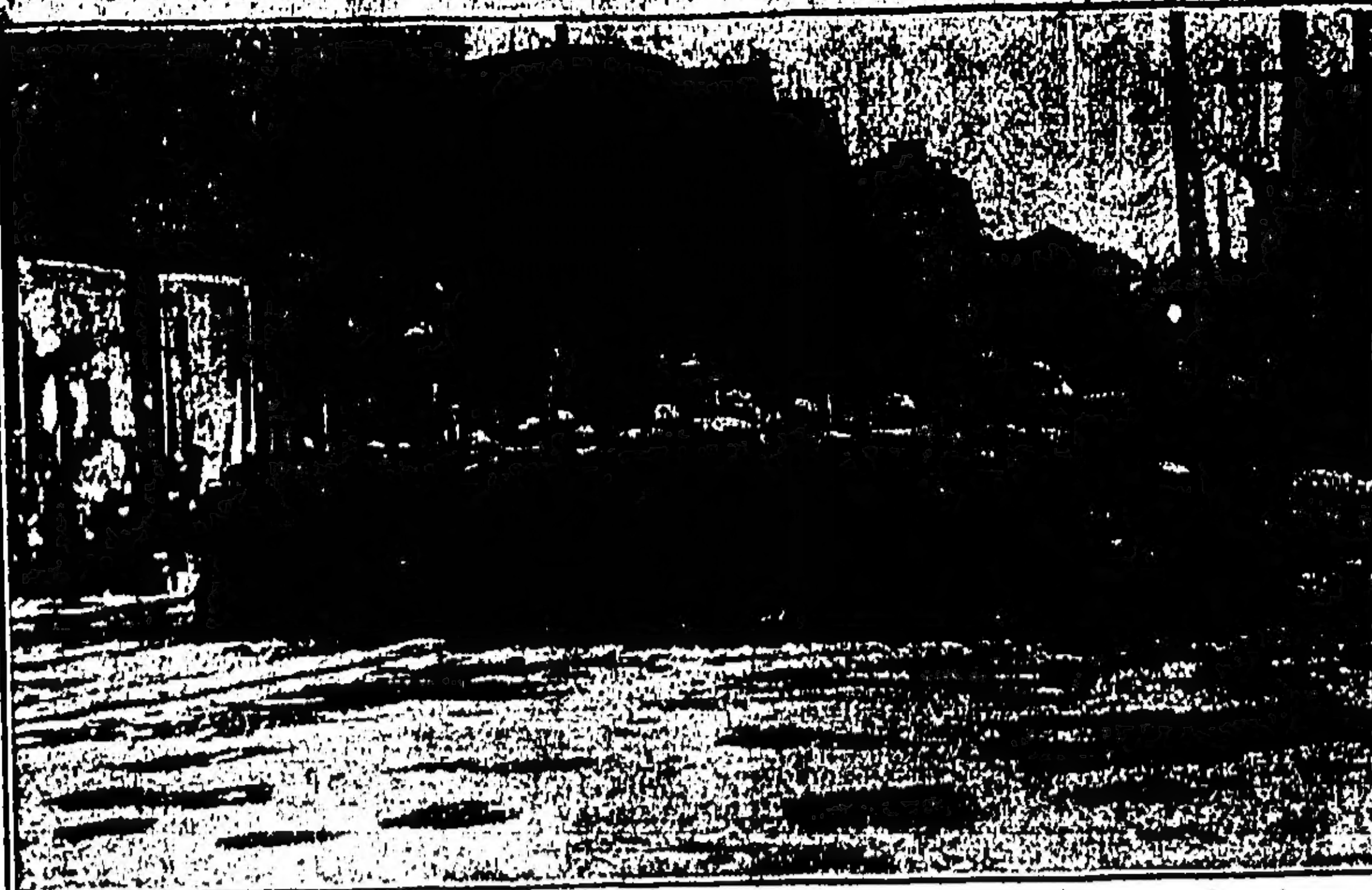
The storm is expected to burst at any moment. Observers have seen no hint of Chinese compliance anywhere along the line.

The Hongkong dollar rose 1/8th this morning, reflecting an advance in silver both in London and New York.

London reports an advance of 1/16th spot and 1/8th forward. There was a little China buying, and the market closed quiet. After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady, with America rather a small buyer for spot.

In New York, silver rose 3/8th, market being steady. Locally there is practically no business passing.

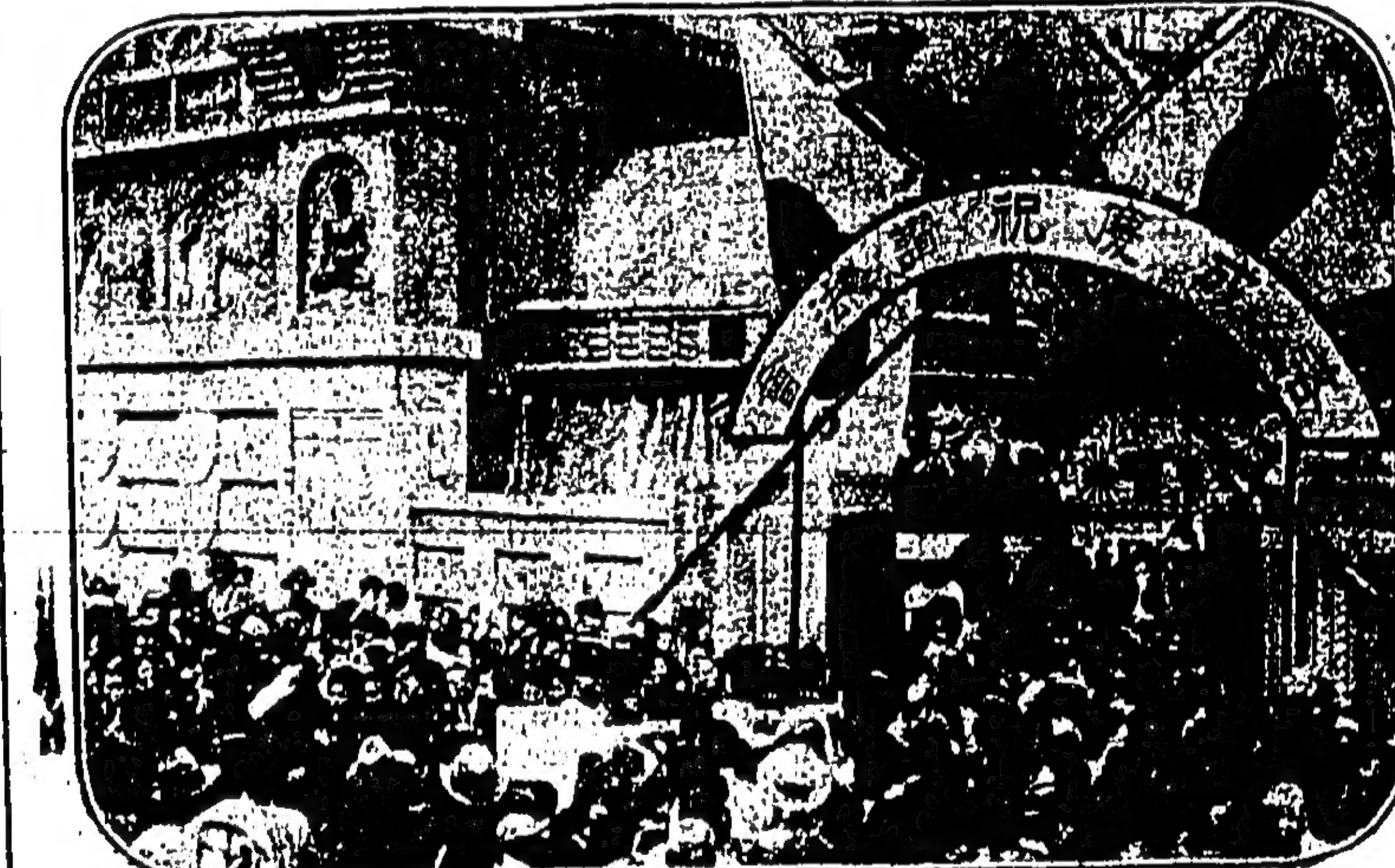
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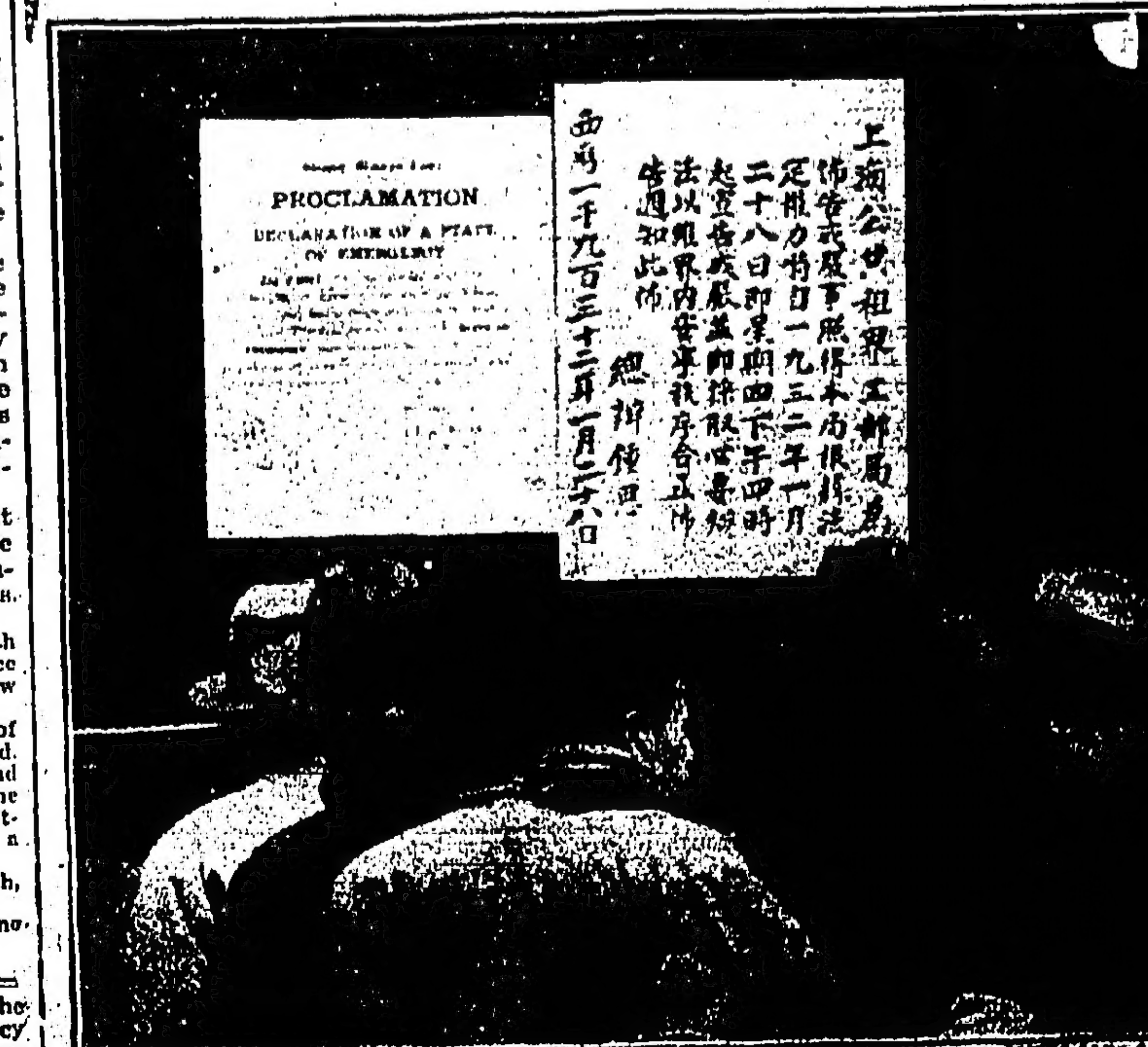
Japanese Marines are shown above in their sandbag position at the intersection of North Honan and Range Roads where they engaged Chinese snipers in adjacent buildings and guarded against an anticipated attack from across the Chapel border.



Following the dropping of bombs by Japanese aeroplanes on Chapel serious fires continue to rage in Chapel. These being no possibility of fighting the fires, they have by now devastated the larger part of Chapel, causing damage which runs into millions of dollars.



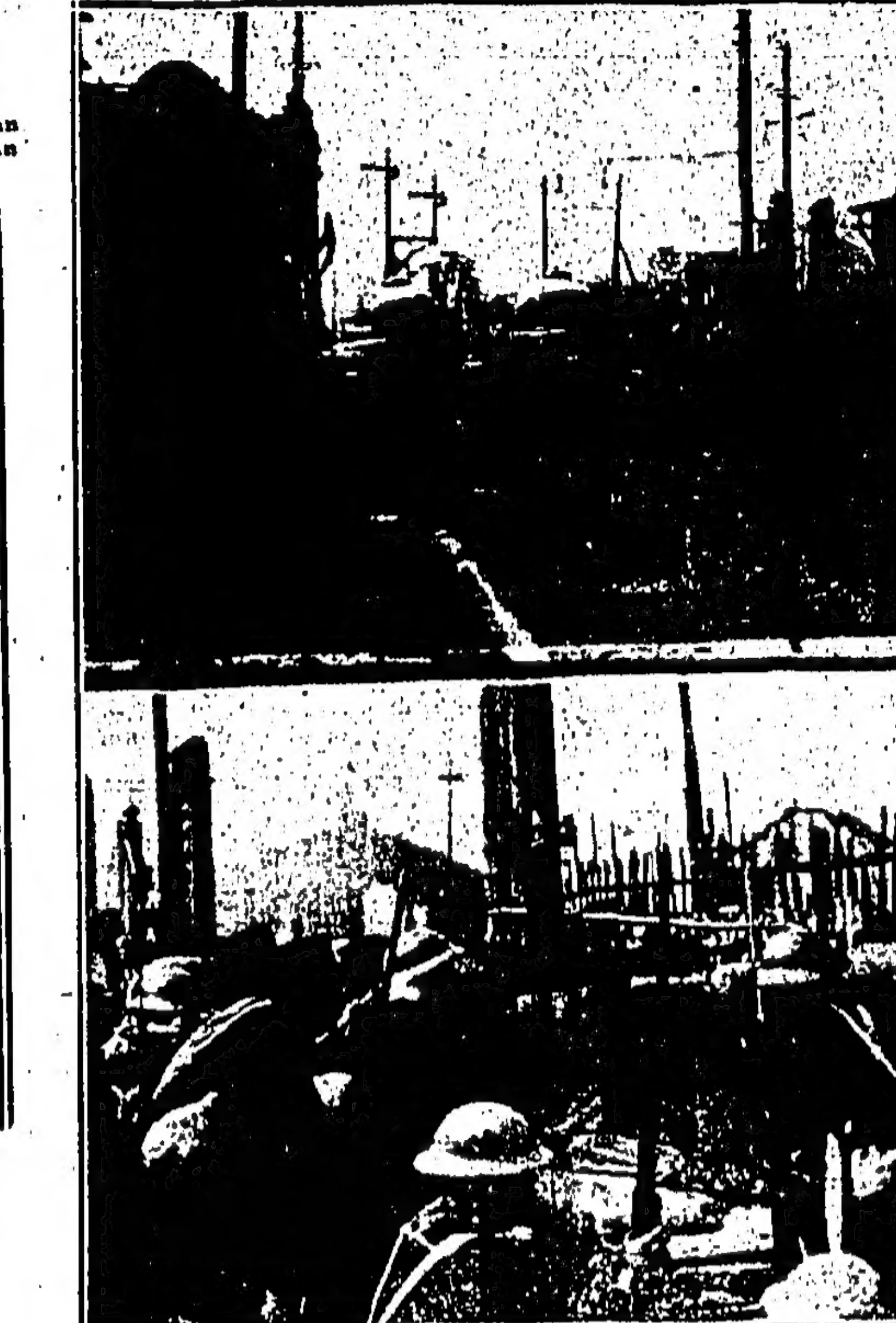
Photograph showing crowds of Japanese outside the Shinto Temple on Chapel Road, when funeral services were being held for the Japanese monk Rev. Hideo Misukano who died from injuries received from Chinese rowdies. The service was quiet and undemonstrative and police had little trouble with the crowds.



Shanghai residents reading the "State of Emergency" Proclamation posted outside the Municipal Building held in English and Chinese. The decision to declare that a state of emergency exists is a landmark in the history of the city.



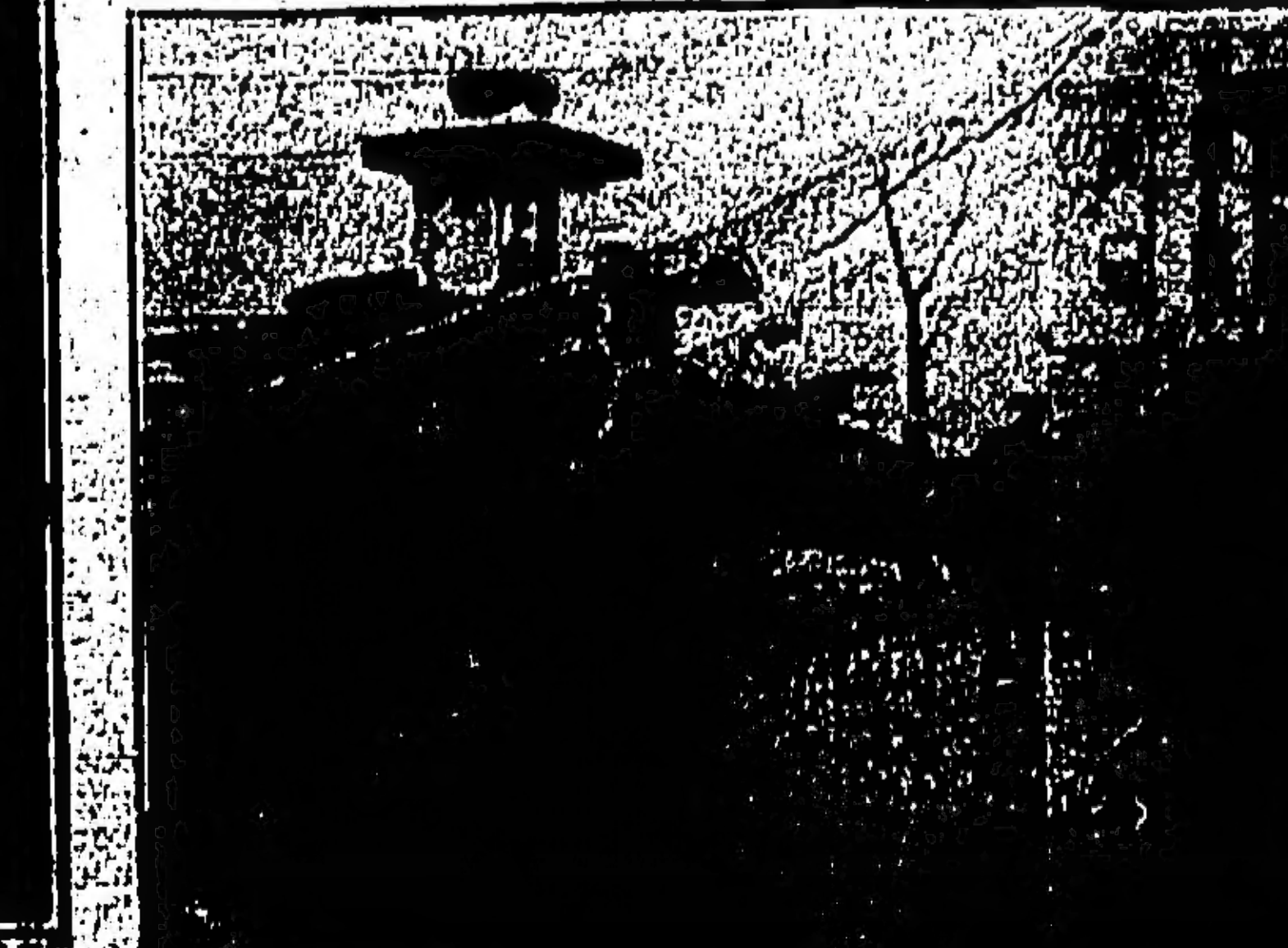
Our photo shows one of the big guns at the Woosung Forts put out of action in the intensive bombardments of last week.



Top picture shows the Paoshan Road Defence where Japanese bitterly engaged the Chinese. Bottom picture gives close-up of fighters in action.



Another conflagration in the Chapel and Kiangwan districts following intensive bombardment from Japanese artillery located on the Rifle Range. Picture shows the seat of the blaze behind the North Railway Station.



The Japanese Marine headquarters at the North Station, Nanking.

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LATEST NEWS OF THE BATTLE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 20, 5.13 p.m.

Shanghai, Feb. 20, 3.34 p.m. The whole of the Kiangwan area has been converted into a shambles by the terrific Japanese artillery barrage. Hundreds of buildings have been completely demolished.

Chiang Kai-shek's 87th and 88th Divisions put up a brilliant defensive action against the Japanese infantry who followed swiftly behind the barrage, led by eight tanks, firing quick-firing guns.

The Chinese have lost heavily in men and equipment, but are giving up only slowly to the shock troops. Heavy casualties are being suffered by both sides.

Kiangwan Village fell into the hands of the Japanese after a series of terrible hand-to-hand engagements in and around the Kiangwan racecourse.

Japanese claim to be advancing all along the line from Woosung to Kiangwan and activity at the rear of the Chapei front seems to suggest that very shortly Japanese headquarters will give the order for a general assault in the Chapei region, where the fighting has not hitherto been as severe as elsewhere, though the rival artillery have been extremely active.

Big fires are raging in the vicinity of the North Station and it seems inevitable that the buildings which have escaped previous bombardments are destined to destruction before the battle now proceeding is over.

It is estimated that at least 20,000 Japanese troops have been thrown into the battle, and the manner in which the Chinese have withstood their onslaughts is remarkable.

A number of strongly-held positions were only taken when the Chinese found that the Japanese had broken through on either side.

A number of shells have fallen into the International Settlement but the extent of the casualties are not at present known.

RECORDS BROKEN
AT RACES.BIG DIVIDENDS FOR
PUNTERS.

JOCKEY THROWN.

New records were established at the opening day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Meeting today, which, favoured with delightful weather, attracted large crowds of turf enthusiasts to Happy Valley.

The first race resulted in a dead heat between Buchanan and Much Ado for first place, the former paying \$68.70 for a win and \$63.60 for a place.

Another big dividend was paid in the second race, Echo's backers receiving the substantial return of \$99.20.

A record for the half-mile was recorded in the first race, which was done in 59 seconds, whilst in the Sydney Maiden Mr. Heard brought home Changite in the record time of 1 min. 23.2/5 sec.

At the start of the Sydney Maiden, Mr. W. Ahorn was thrown from Calamity Jane and received slight abrasions on the head and face. The pony went round the course riderless.

4.—The Wong-Nai-Chung Stakes.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of this Club of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey Allowance). Half a Mile. (Mr. F. M. L. Soares) Buchanan 1.

Mr. F. M. L. Soares' Buchanan 1. Mr. British's Much Ado 2. Mr. Chan Wai-sang's Eppy 2. Mr. Ip Kuei-ying 2.

Dead heat. Twenty-seven starters. Dead heat, half length. Time: 59 sec. (a record). Pari-mutuel: Win, Much Ado, \$11.40; Buchanan, \$86.70. Places, Much Ado, \$9.10; Buchanan, \$53.60; Eppy, \$17.70.

2.—The Wong-Nai-Chung Stakes (Second Section).—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of this Club of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey Allowance). Half a Mile. (Mr. Clark) 1.

Mr. A. E. M. Rafeek's City of Shanghai 1. Mr. P. S. S. Jimmy 2. Mr. Rother 3. Twenty-eight starters. A dead heat, half length. Time: 59.2/5 sec. Pari-mutuel: Win, \$99.20; Places \$42; \$25.10; \$39.80.

3.—The Maiden Stakes.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies bona fide Grifflins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. (Mr. D. S. Li) 1.

Messrs. Mackie & Grayburn's Dey 1. Mr. D. J. Lewis' Doctor's Mandate 2. Mr. T. L. Wong 3. Twenty starters. A short head; length and half. Time: 1 min. 28.4/5 sec. Pari-mutuel: Win, \$23.10; Places, \$10.40; \$12; \$15.30.

4.—The Sydney Maiden Stakes.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifflins of this Meeting, measuring 14 hands and under. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. (Mr. Heard) 1.

Mr. Widdowson's Zunderday 1. Mr. Y. S. Chan 2. Mr. Eve's Anniversary Eve 3. Fifteen starters. Two lengths; many lengths. Time: 1 min. 23.2/5 sec. (a record). Pari-mutuel: Win, \$29.30; Places, \$7.90; \$6.20; \$25.60.

5.—The Sydney Maiden Stakes (Second Section).—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifflins of this Meeting, measuring 14 inch and over. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. (Mr. H. S. Chan) 1.

Mr. H. S. Chan's Racing Boy 1. Messrs. Lowcock & Lee's Bistre 2. Mr. Parkinson Chan's Fighting Blood 3. Twenty-six starters. Three lengths; a length. Time: 1 min. 32.1/5 sec. Pari-mutuel: Win \$12.70. Places \$7.40; \$28.10; \$11.30.

6.—The Trial Plate.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of this Club of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. One and a Quarter Miles. (Mr. A. M. L. Soares) Flying Tourist 1. (Mr. F. Nood) 2.

Messrs. Kong Bros' Blue Star 1. Messrs. Mackie & Grayburn's Deveron 3. Sixteen starters. Half length; length. Time: 2 min. 37.4/5 sec. Pari-mutuel: Win \$12.70. Places \$6.60; \$6.40; \$11.50.

7.—The Sydney Maiden Stakes (Third Section).—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifflins of this Meeting, measuring 14 inch and over. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. (Mr. H. S. Chan) 1.

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9.—The Sydney Maiden Stakes (Fourth Section).—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifflins of this Meeting, measuring 14 inch and over. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. (Mr. H. S. Chan) 1.

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CASH SWEEPS.

LUCKY NUMBERS
AT THE RACES.

1st Race.

No. 393 \$ 489.60
" 368 489.60
" 539 108.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 36, 540, 99, 350, 504, 386, 290,
453, 203, 139, 487, 332, 279, 413,
95, 314, 471, 430, 84, 66, 105, 498,
304, 191.

2nd Race.

No. 479 \$1,009.40
" 347 288.40
" 169 144.20

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 602, 204, 61, 333, 381, 44, 166,
600, 42, 89, 485, 168, 80, 571, 391,
2, 485, 447, 285, 052, 303, 399, 77,
69, 601.

3rd Race.

No. 718 \$1,491.00
" 608 428.00
" 627 213.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 707, 77, 737, 427, 28, 276,
473, 78, 10, 691, 469, 21, 118, 576,
581, 733, 627.

4th Race.

No. 57 \$1,825.60
" 782 621.60
" 723 260.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 122, 1, 274, 384, 796, 167, 520,
405, 439, 571, 695, 478.

5th Race.

No. 468 \$1,750.00
" 802 500.00
" 371 250.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 520, 463, 258, 422, 71, 130,
787, 511, 847, 449, 466, 815, 245,
727, 737, 21, 360, 279.

6th Race.

No. 420 \$2,924.60
" 529 835.60
" 1633 417.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 165, 684, 830.

7th Race.

No. 717 \$2,647.40
" 644 756.40
" 145 378.20

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 511, 650, 1059, 196, 292, 948,
1171, 625, 992, 118, 287, 1, 877,
1010, 260, 127, 31, 900, 975, 518,
424, 63, 385.

8th Race.

No. 199 \$2,608.20
" 169 745.20
" 868 372.60

Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
Nos. 247, 958, 947, 845, 557, 828,
930, 847, 734, 923, 1091, 205,
1048.

SURREY CRICKET
SENSATION.P.G.H. FENDER TO BE
PASSED OVER.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Feb. 20. Surrey County Cricket Club has decided to drop its pilot, P. G. H. Fender, who has captained the side since 1921 and has won the reputation of being one of the most astute and most daring captains in first-class cricket.

It is reported that when the change was intimated, friends suggested to Fender that he should say he would be unable to play in 1932, but Fender declined, emphasising that if not elected captain he would still like to play for Surrey.

If the Committee adheres to its decision, it will therefore be faced with the embarrassing task of overlooking Fender.

The other candidates, apparently, are M. J. C. Allom and D. R. Jardine. Allom, when interviewed by Reuter, declined to comment on the matter, while Jardine's work as a lawyer will be an obstacle to his captaining the side.

7.—The Valley Stakes.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of this Club of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. (Mr. H. S. Chan) 1.

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9.—The Sydney Maiden Stakes (Fifth Section).—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifflins of this Meeting, measuring 14 inch and over. Weight for inches as per scale. Six Furlongs. (Mr. H. S. Chan) 1.

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Our photo shows one of the big guns at the Wenging Forts put out of action in the intensive bombardments of last week.

BRITISH TARIFF
MANAGERS.Mr. Chamberlain on
Qualities.SPECIAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.

London, Feb. 19.

During the House Commons debate on the Imports Duties Bill, the clause establishing an Advisory Committee which will be empowered to recommend imposition of duties additional to the general ten per cent ad valorem duty was passed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said that although the word judicial did not appear in the clause, this body was going to be independent of the Executive and not subject to it. The fact that its members were appointed for three years gave them the necessary independence.

It was essential to secure the services of persons with the right personal qualities. Although a civil servant might properly be a member it would not be desirable that he should be the Chairman, because that might give an idea in the minds of the public that it was a Government Department subject to the influence or instruction of the Minister.

Impartial Men. It would be inappropriate to appoint as Chairman a member who had been long associated in an active capacity in the conduct of a manufacturing or industrial business, or had been the representative of a Trade Union, for the Committee must preserve in attitude of impartiality. Nor did they want as Chairman a distinguished economist, they wanted a man who had a practical working knowledge of business although not himself connected with the manufacturing or distributive trades, and one who would command public confidence. —British Wireless.

BRITISH PLANS
FOR
WITHDRAWAL.READY FOR EXECUTION
AT CRISIS.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 20, 9.57 a.m. (Delayed).

Acting on instructions from the British Government, Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, the British Commander-in-Chief, China Squadron, convened a conference aboard his flagship, H.M.S. Kent, at which plans for the withdrawal of British women and children were discussed.

A further conference was later held at the offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. It is understood all the necessary plans for withdrawal have now been formulated, but they will only be executed in the event of the situation developing seriously in the International Settlement.

AMERICAN CONSUL
ANNOYED.

UNIVERSITY INCIDENT.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 20, 1.30 p.m.

It is understood that the American Consul-General has presented a formal protest to the Japanese Consul regarding the enforced closure of the Soochow University premises, which are American property.

The American Consul has demanded right of access to all American property and declares that Japanese interference with these rights cannot be tolerated.

CHIANG'S MEN
IN ACTION.TWO DIVISIONS
AT KIANGWAN.GETTING WORST
BLOW.

Shanghai, Feb. 20, 11.45 a.m. (Delayed).

At present the Japanese troops are attacking to the west along a wide front to the north of Hongkew Park, driving towards the Wooning Railway and Kiangwan Village.

Nearly the whole weight of the preliminary attack in this direction. Japanese planes are bombarding the Village, near which the Japanese forces are engaging troops belonging to Chiang Kai-shek's Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth Divisions.

The Japanese are not launching their big offensive in Chapel at the moment. They are hoping first to turn the Chinese left. —Reuter.

SHOCKING SHANGHAI
CARNAGE REPORTED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

According to a cable received from the following cable was also sent to General Uryeda: "Received your telegram. In reply, I want you to understand that the Nineteenth Route Army only receives its orders from the National Government."

Yesterday, General Uryeda made it quite clear that unless the Chinese had commenced to withdraw their front line positions by seven o'clock this morning, as an initial move, leading to complete evacuation by five o'clock this evening, he was prepared to commence action to enforce compliance with the ultimatum.

The storm is expected to burst at any moment. Observers have seen no hint of Chinese compliance anywhere along the lines.

EXCHANGE RATES.

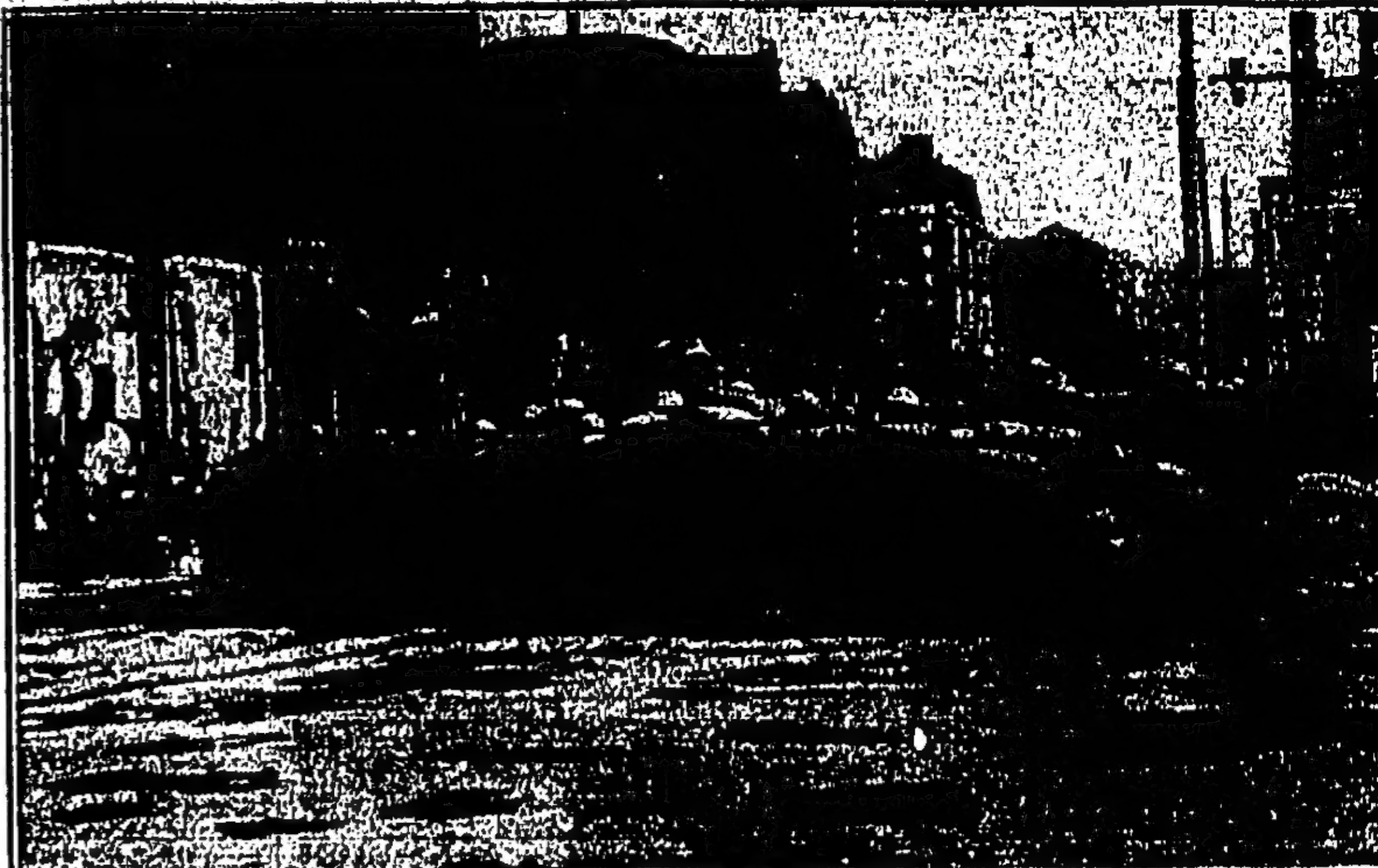
	Previously.	Yesterday.
Paris	87.7/16	87.7/16
Geneva	17 1/2	17 1/2
Berlin	14.52 1/2	14.17/32
Oslo	18 1/2	18 1/2
Helsingfors	220	222 1/2
Athens	270	267 1/2
Buenos Aires	30 1/2	30 1/2
Shanghai	1/11.3/16	1/11 1/4
New York	3.44 1/2	3.45 1/4
Amsterdam	8.51	8.53 1/2
Vienna	32	32
Madrid	44 1/2	44 1/2
Bucharest	577 1/2	577 1/2
Hankow	1/5.17/32	1/5 1/4
Brussels	24.70	24 1/2
Milan	60 1/2	60 1/2
Stockholm	17 1/2	17 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Prague	1100 1/2	109 1/2
London	4.3/16	4.3/16
Bombay	1/6.5/32	1/6.5/32
Yokohama	1/11.13/16	1/11 1/4
Yokohama	1/11.13/16	1/11 1/4
Montevideo	30 1/2	30 1/2
Montreal	3.06	3.04
Silver (spot)	10.9/16	10.9/16
(forward)	10.11/16	10.13/16

—British Wireless.

The Hongkong dollar rose 1/8th this morning, reflecting an advance in silver both in London and New York.

London reports an advance of 1/16th spot and 1/8th forward. There was a little China buying, and the market closed quiet. After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady, with America rather a small buyer for spot. In New York, silver rose 3/8th, market being steady. Locally there is practically no business passing.

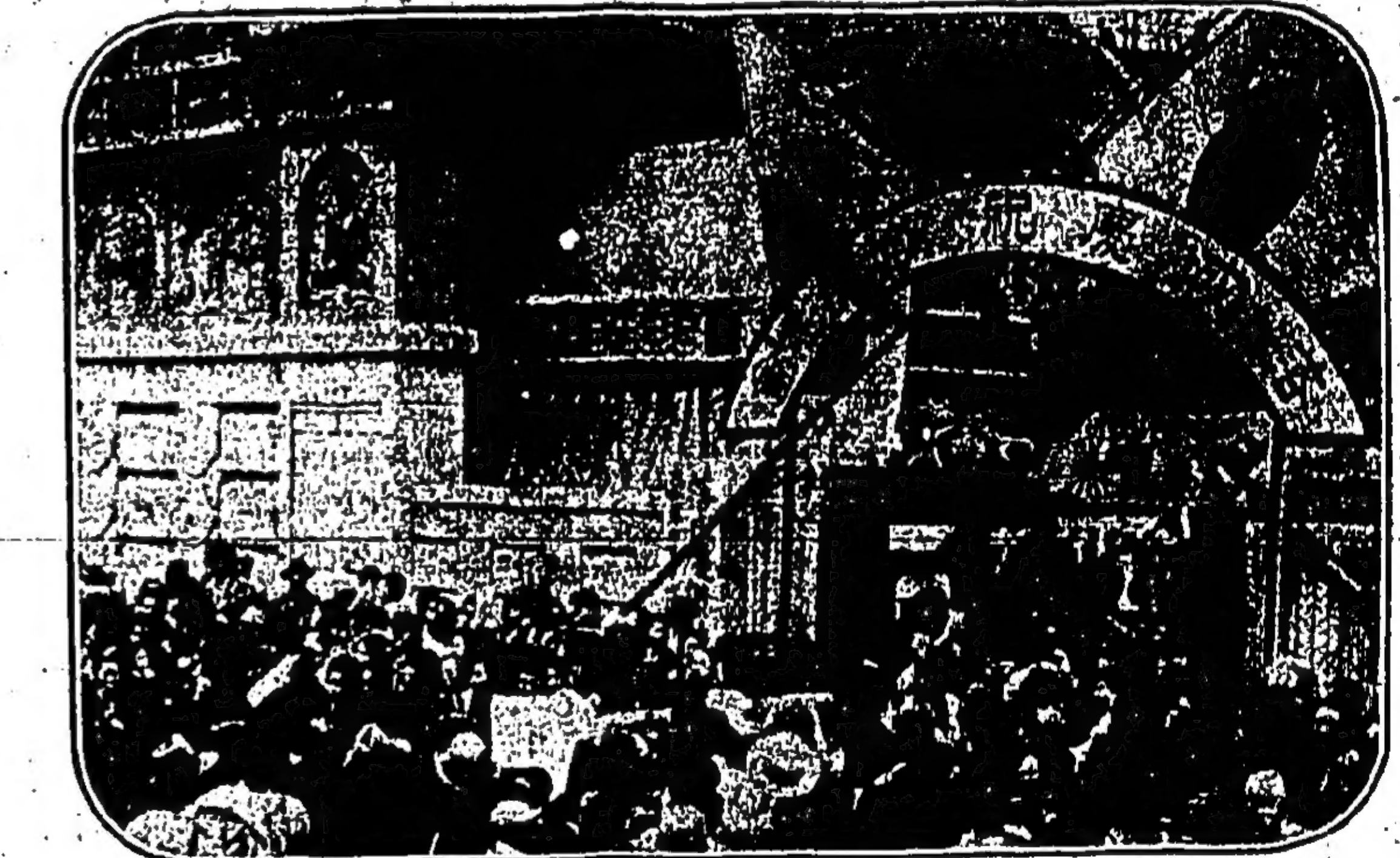
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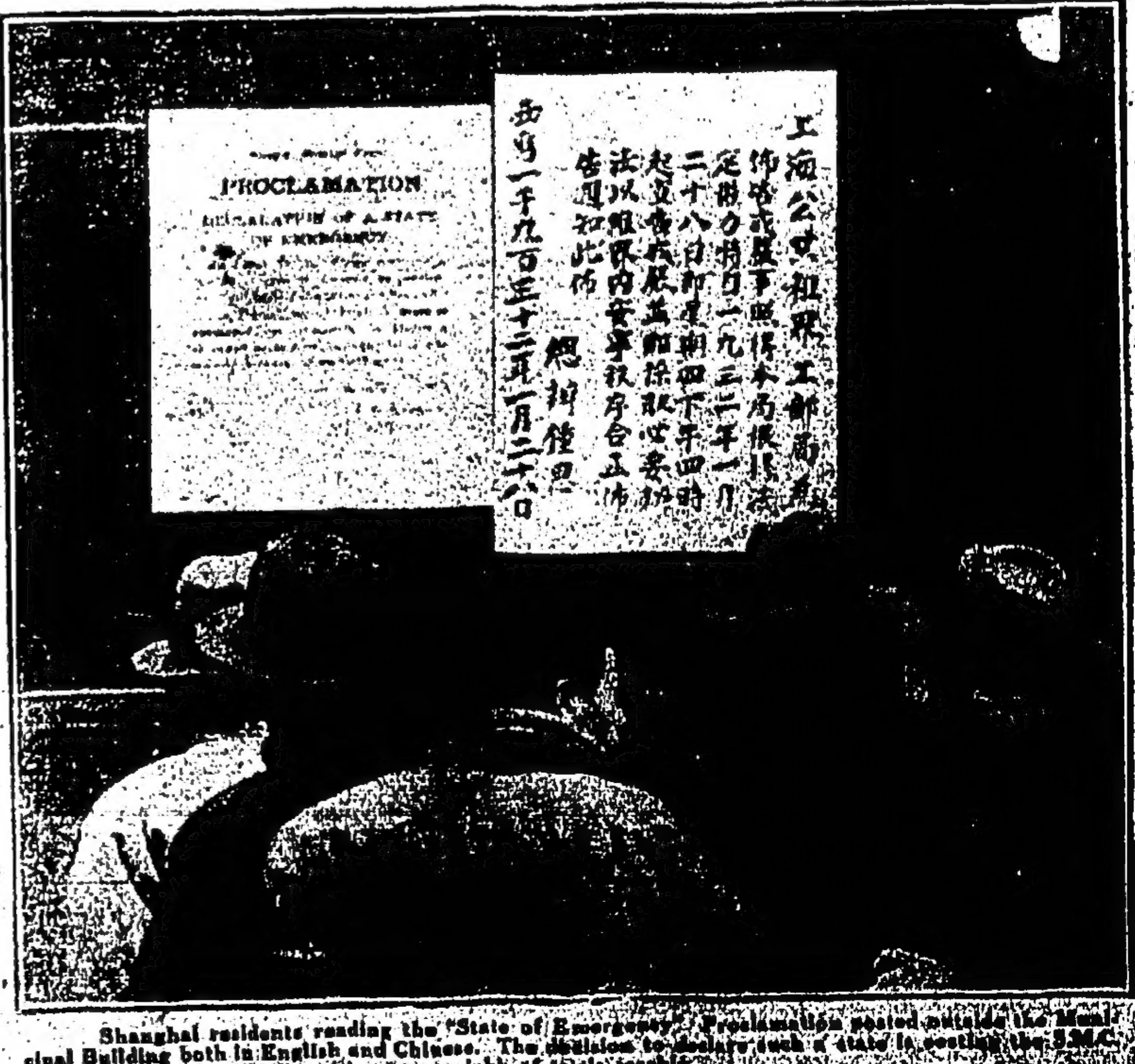
Japanese Marines are shown above in their sandbag position at the intersection of North Homan and Range Roads where they engaged Chinese snipers in adjacent buildings and guarded against an anticipated attack from across the Chapel border.



Following the dropping of bombs by Japanese aeroplanes on Chapel serious fires continue to rage in Chapel. There being no possibility of fighting the fires, they have by now devastated the larger part of Chapel, causing damage which runs into millions of dollars.



Photograph showing crowds of Japanese outside the Shinto Temple on Chapoo Road, when funeral services were being held for the Japanese monk Rev. Hideo Misukano who died from injuries received from Chinese rowdies. The service was quiet and undemonstrative and police had little trouble with the crowds.



Shanghai residents reading the "State of Emergency" Proclamation posted outside the Municipal Building both in English and Chinese. The situation is serious, and it is certain that the Japanese will not stop until they have taken the city.

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GREAT BATTLE BEGINS: JAPANESE MOVE OFF.

THE LAST HOPE OF AVERTING DISASTER GONE.

MACHINE-GUNS RATTLE ALL NIGHT.

VIVID DETAILS BEFORE CABLE SERVICE BREAKS DOWN.

HEAVY AIR BOMBING.

Shanghai, Feb. 20, 9.14 a.m.

JAPANESE TROOPS BEGAN MOVING PREPARATORY TO ATTACK AT 7.30 A.M., WHILE TEN AEROPLANES LOADED WITH BOMBS WENT UP AND WERE SOON DROPPING THEIR DEADLY WEAPONS UPON THE CHINESE LINES IN NORTH CHAPEL. MANY MORE MACHINES ARE WARMING UP AT THE AERODROME.

Japanese headquarters presents a scene of intense activity. Several large detachments of Japanese troops have been seen moving into the Chapel lines, ponies loaded with mountain guns are ready and six Japanese tanks are outside the Japanese headquarters waiting orders to move off.—*Reuter*.

AWAITING THE STORM.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 20, 8.10 a.m.

Wu Tieh-chen, the Mayor, and General Tsai Ting-kai last night replied to the Japanese ultimatum by declaring that it was a matter for the Chinese Ministry for Foreign Affairs to deal with.

It was learned in Nanking later from Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the President of the Executive Yuan, that China's reply had been sent. The Government was unable to accept the terms. I am reliably informed that the following cable was also sent to General Uyeda: "Received your telegram. In reply, I want you to understand that the Nineteenth Route Army only receives its orders from the National Government."

Yesterday, General Uyeda made it quite clear that unless the Chinese had commenced to withdraw their front line positions by seven o'clock this morning, as an initial move, leading to complete evacuation by five o'clock this evening, he was prepared to commence action to enforce compliance with the ultimatum.

THE STORM IS EXPECTED TO BURST AT ANY MOMENT. OBSERVERS HAVE SEEN NO HINT OF CHINESE COMPLIANCE ANYWHERE ALONG THE LINES.

The battle is expected to begin at any moment now and there is reason to expect that it will develop on a large scale to a wide area round Shanghai.

ALL SET.

Thousands of Japanese troops have been pushed into the lines. The preparations for the attack are now complete, ready for action this morning.

At the same time, the Chinese have further strengthened their lines in preparations to meet the offensive.

Thirty thousand Japanese troops are now occupying approximately a ten-mile front.

It extends from Woosung to the borders of Chapel and it is believed that they will all leap forward simultaneously when the signal is given.

Opposed to them are well over 50,000 Chinese troops.

MACHINE-GUN DIN.

Chinese machine-guns along the Chapel front made the night hideous with their perpetual din.

and now then a field gun barked its reply to the Japanese ultimatum.

It is believed that one of the biggest efforts of the Japanese will be in the region of Woosung, into which district last night a very large number of Japanese infantry proceeded. They marched in the darkness of the night up the military road, where no one knows.

SCENE AT SEVEN.

At seven o'clock this morning, your correspondent made a tour of the fighting zone, as close as he was permitted to approach and then journeyed to the top of the Cathay Hotel to await developments.

At seven, no fighting between Japanese and Chinese troops was taking place. The machine-guns of both sides are chattering intermittently, and an occasional shell goes over.

Visibility is bad, although it is a good day. The heaviest fighting is expected near Kiangwan where firing was steady all last night.



Our photo shows Japanese forces massed for an impending attack on a Chinese position, awaiting the order to advance. Picture was, of course, taken in earlier operations, but it gives a striking impression of the type of fighting the region impels.

UNITED STATES ATTITUDE.

HOPE NOT YET GIVEN UP.

NO FAITH IN LEAGUE.

Washington, Feb. 19. Official circles in Washington have not yet abandoned hope of a Sino-Japanese settlement without a great sacrifice of life.

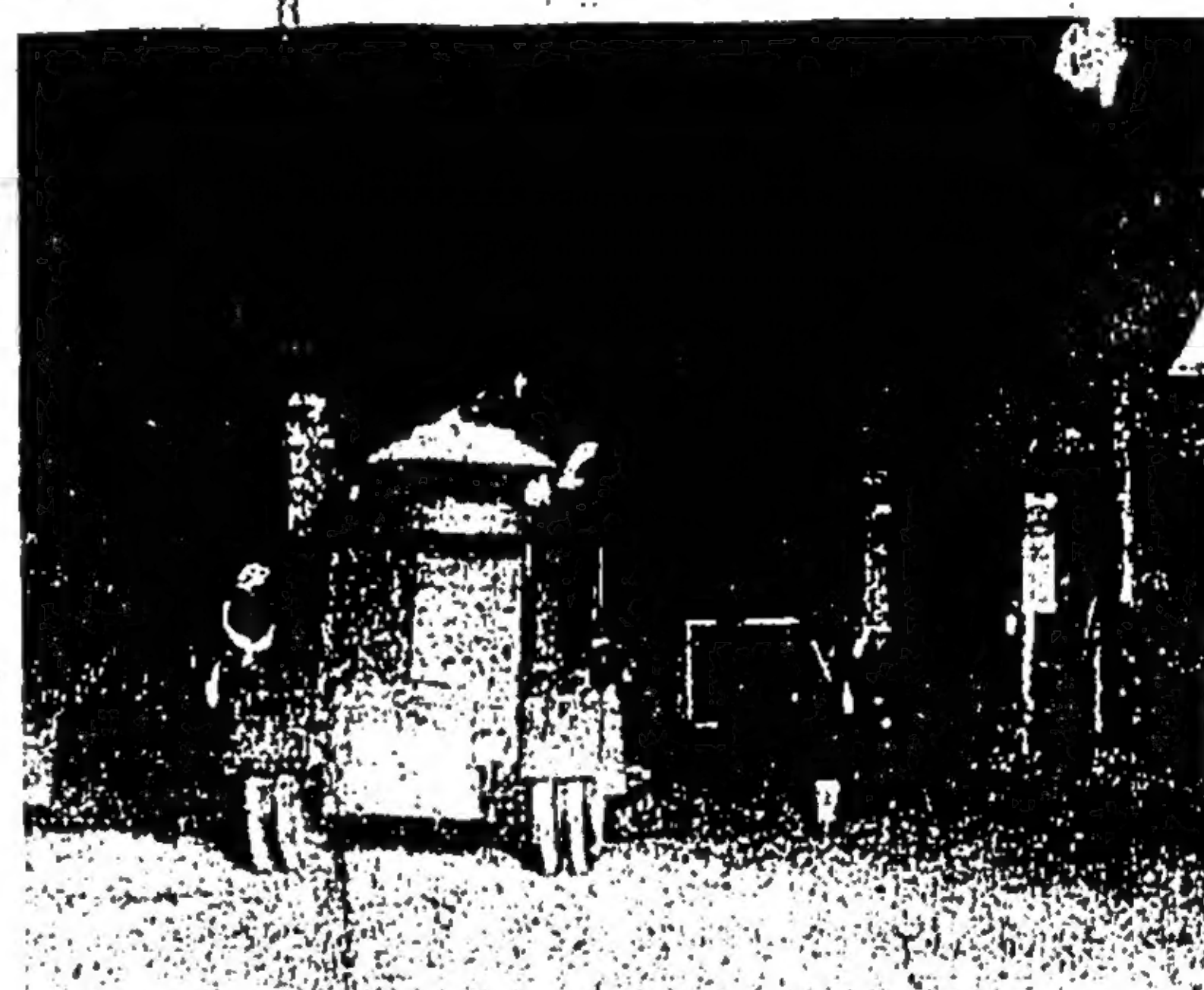
Mr. Stimson today again handed to President Hoover the details of the Shanghai situation, in connection with which a long conference followed.

The failure of the peace negotiations has bitterly disappointed State Department officials, who are actively discussing plans for handling such situations as may arise from the fighting.

The announcement of the convocation of an Assembly meeting has been received with considerable interest, but the general feeling in official circles is that nothing the League can do will alter Japan's decision to settle the Shanghai dispute, as well as the Manchuria dispute, by direct negotiations with China.—*Reuter*.

STOP PRESS.

We are informed by the Great Northern Telegraph Co., that cable communication between Shanghai and Hongkong has totally broken down since 10 o'clock this morning. The interruption is between Woosung and Shanghai, and is believed to be due to the outbreak of large-scale hostilities. The Company hopes, however, that communication may be re-established later in the day, as arrangements have been made to cope with such an eventuality.



A Japanese armoured car, taken during the darkness of the night, ready to make an assault against the Chinese lines.

MURDER MYSTERY DISCLOSED.

YOUTH FOUND WITH THROAT CUT.

A murder mystery is reported by the discovery of the body of a Chinese youth on the Victoria Gap Road this morning, with his throat cut and a knife stuck in his stomach.

The lad had been missing from his home in Shaikwan since 7 o'clock on Thursday morning, and nothing had been heard of his whereabouts until early this morning, when his body was found under the circumstances related above.

Four men have been arrested on suspicion in connexion with the affair.

Later.

The murdered youth, Tsang Tai-kai, about 21 years of age, was reported missing from his parents' house in Main Street, Shaikwan on Thursday morning. Late that same evening a Chinese appeared at the house with a demand for \$10,000 ransom for the lad's return to his parents. The letter threatened that, failing the payment of the money, the victim would be killed and his head sent to his parents.

The man who presented the letter was detained and the police summoned. Following further enquiries, three other men were arrested and later the police were taken to a spot about half a mile below Victoria Gap where they found the body of the missing youth.

Grampian Road is the name given to the road commencing at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Boundary Street opposite Ma Tau Wei village and to the East of N.K.L.L. 1504. The road runs due north and terminates at its junction with an unnamed street at the north-east of N.K.L.L. 1582.

BANDIT TRICK ON U.S. GUNBOAT.

NAVAL RATINGS HELD UP.

RANSOM FRAUD.

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hankow, Feb. 20.

Bandits to-day broke faith with the Yangtze Rapids Company regarding the release of Captain Baker, an American, who was captured on January 16th last a hundred miles above Hankow.

It was agreed that ransom of \$10,000 should be handed over at Pailochi in return for the release of the captive, and accordingly the U.S. gunboat Onahu proceeded to Pailochi with the Company's representative and the cash.

Upon the arrival, the Commander of the gunboat wanted Captain Baker sent off to a lighter, and promised to hand over the cash when this was done.

Money First.

The bandits, however, demanded the money first, and to this the Company's representative agreed, Captain Baker himself assuring the representative that would be all right.

A cutter from the gunboat was then sent to the shore, manned with U.S. ratings, while the guns of the Onahu were trained on the shore.

When the cutter reached the shore, the captives seized the cash and held up the boat's party at the point of the pistol, then decamping with the money and Captain Baker.

The Onahu was unable to fire for fear of hitting the naval ratings or Captain Baker. The bandits are now demanding a further \$50,000.

DRAMATIC LEAGUE APPEAL.

LAST EFFORT TO AVERT HOSTILITIES.

HIGH TENSION.

PLEA FOR EXTENSION OF ULTIMATUM.

Geneva, Feb. 19.

IN AN ATMOSPHERE of high tension, a crowded public meeting of the League Council was held this evening. Dramatic speeches were made and an eloquent appeal was made to Japan to extend the period of the ultimatum in a last effort to prevent catastrophe.

The discussion was followed with the utmost interest, particularly the verbal duel between Mr. W. W. Yen and Mr. Sato. Mr. Yen attacked the Japanese delegate angrily at one stage.

Mr. Yen's statement of the action of the Japanese military authorities in Shanghai produced a deep impression on the Council. Mr. Sato, speaking for an hour, delivered the longest speech in the history of the Council.

MR. W. W. YEN'S SERIOUS CHARGES.

M. Paul Boncour, opening the Council meeting, said they had met to discuss the Chinese request for a special meeting of the Assembly of the League.

The Chinese delegate having asked permission to explain his grave concern at the news from Shanghai, I suggest, said M. Boncour, that we first let him address the meeting.

M. Paul Boncour then invited Mr. Sato, the Japanese principal delegate to reply.

MR. SATO'S REPLY.

Mr. Sato first read a communication regarding the loss of life in the Settlement by a bomb dropped by a Japanese aeroplane, which was the subject of a British protest. It was a regrettable accident, regarding which we have presented our excuses to the British authorities.

He then replied to Sir John Hope-Simpson's protest against the bombing of the refugee camp, which was a regrettable error due to the barbed wire entanglements round the camp which misled the aviators.

Mr. Sato said he must protest formally against some of Mr. Yen's remarks, particularly the charge of using dum-dum bullets and poison gas.

IMPOSSIBLE!

Our troops have never used dum-dums, not even during the Russo-Japanese War. It is impossible. Let the Chinese delegate produce a specimen. Our troops may have used smoke shells, but never poison gas.

Mr. Yen also said that we are the aggressors and have also begun the attacks. Here again we must make reservations. We are obliged to use force to defend ourselves and our lives. We never want to attack unless it is inevitable and unavoidable.

Regarding the Nineteenth Army our information from the spot confirms our charges.

VAIN EFFORTS.

Mr. Yen has asked the Council to bring about a cessation of hostilities. We have done our utmost to stop hostilities and hoped for an agreement upon terms for an armistice, but our efforts were in vain.

I shall explain why we are obliged to stay where we are, but I must first explain why we reached the present crisis.

M. Boncour has told us that the Council will transfer the examination of the question to the Assembly at the Chinese request. I do not know the contents of the resolution, but seeing that the Council is about to transfer the matter to the Assembly, this is the last time I can speak before the Council and furnish explanations so that the Assembly may be in possession of all the facts of the case.

Therefore thus we enter upon (Continued on Page 7.)

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HAPPY GATHERING LAST NIGHT.

Yorkshire, the county (or as Sir William Peel had it, the country) of the "Tha's" and "Baht's", the duff pudding and Selby spuds, came into its own again at the Hongkong Hotel last night, when the second annual cabaret dinner-dance of the Hongkong Society of Yorkshiremen was held under the presidency of H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel), and attended by a happy gathering of over 250.

Bootham Bar was there in all its glory and attraction, and anybody without a Yorkshire accent was looked at askance. The dinner, which preceded the dance, was typically Yorkshire, while the President's speech, full of witticisms, contributed in no small measure to the success of the function.

The Roof Garden presented a gay scene when His Excellency, who is the president of the Society, entered the room accompanied by Lady Peel, Mr. E. Cock (President of St. George's Society), Mrs. Cock, Mr. A. E. Stevenson (President of St. Andrew's Society), Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. L. Davies (President of St. David's Society), Mrs. Davies, Col. Miles (St. Patrick's Society), Mrs. Miles, Mr. J. Scott Harston (Vice-President of the Yorkshiremen's Society), Mrs. Scott Harston, Mr. W. G. A. Tuffin and Captain T. A. H. Colman.

The company stood while the National Anthem was played, and after dinner, at the call of the President, honoured the Loyal Toast.

Governor's Speech.
In proposing the toast of the Society, the President, Sir William Peel, said that as President of the Yorkshire Society he welcomed that night the guests present, and in particular the Presidents of the various national Societies which exist in Hongkong.

He trusted that they did not think that Yorkshiremen had been somewhat presumptuous in starting a Society somewhat on the lines of the national societies, because they regarded Yorkshire as a county. But Yorkshiremen claimed it to be something more; it was not just a county, but a country (hearl hearl).

It was a country of great resources. They had only to take for instance the matter of food. It was true they did not produce a haggis, but they did a great deal in regard to supplying other national needs, such as the Yorkshire pudding, Doncaster butter, Scotch, York hams, and York chocolate. They need only take for one example a factory in York which employed 7,000 girls and men to make chocolate, while there was Harrogate toffee, and Wensleydale cheese.

Drink and Racing.
In the matter of drink, although they did not distill whisky as they did in Scotland and Ireland, they had the excellent Tadenster ale, which he knew was worth while drinking.

In regard to racing they had the great classic St. Leger, as well as the Doncaster and York meetings, while in music, although they had not produced the bagpipes of Scotland or the harps of Ireland or Wales, they did a good deal of singing, and their musical festivals at Leeds and Harrogate were of some considerable note.

The Scotch bagpipes were regarded as melancholy music, but he thought the Yorkshire National Anthem "On Ilka Moor Baht 'At" might well rival the Scottish pipes for melancholy. He was a little diffident in remarking this, and thought that he might have to swallow his words before the evening was finished.

The three Ridings of Yorkshire produced samples of every form of English scenery. Many years ago he often went walking through the Yorkshire Ridings, and he always felt that there was nothing to beat the scenery. He left it to foreigners to travel amid the smut and grime of Leeds.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DISAGREE.

DOMESTIC DIFFERENCES AIDED IN COURT.

Mrs. Mariam Farid's maintenance summons against her husband, Mohamed Farid, was again before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon.

Closing Mrs. Farid's case, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton called Mrs. Lux, wife of the well-known local boxer "Iron" Lux, who testified to having seen a bruise on Mrs. Farid's face.

For the defendant, Mr. E. S. C. Brooks submitted that he had no case to answer. He argued that the three alleged assault incidents, which were the basis of the ill-treatment charge, had not been corroborated.

The Magistrate considered that Mrs. Farid's complaint was not so much about cruelty as lack of food and constant nagging.

Mr. Brooks then opened his case by calling Mrs. Naidu, who acted as midwife to Mrs. Farid on two occasions.

Witnesses declared that on the occasions when she attended to Mrs. Farid, during her confinement and afterwards, it did not appear to her as if Mrs. Farid was ill-treated. On the contrary, Mrs. Farid

Sheffield and Bradford, although even these cities had not split the pretty country around.

Pre-eminent at Sport.

In sport they could claim to be pre-eminent. There was excellent hunting to be found in several parts of the county, while Yorkshire were the present cricket champions, a position they had held for a number of years during the last 20 or 30 years. In football they used to be pre-eminent, but since the split in the Northern Union, their position was not quite what used to be.

They in Yorkshire thought no small beer of themselves, and his wife said that Yorkshiremen brought a great deal too much of themselves, but he generally managed to elude the argument by reminding her that she had two Yorkshire sons of whom she was very proud (hearl hearl).

Doubtless they had all read when they were young of the wars between the Red and White Roses, which seemed to be still going strong. He remembered how at one time the wars between the counties were rather sanguinary affairs, and although they were not so much so to-day, they still had the contests at Bramwell Lane, Headingley and Old Trafford. Judging from the reports of some of the cricket played on these grounds, he would imagine that the spectators sometimes wished the contests were of the more sanguinary type of 100 years ago. (Laughter.)

Harrogate's Influence.

Making some amusing references to the attractions of Harrogate, Sir William said it was supposed to have a very good influence on people who had lived in the Far East (applause and laughter). It was the biggest spa in England, with 88 natural springs. He had read a description in which the water was described as a mixture of bad eggs, safety matches and acetylene, and he thought it was a very good description. Harrogate offered excellent golf links and some fine scenery, as well as some interesting old ruined abbeys.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and subsequently the room was cleared for dancing, which continued until a late hour.

Interpersing the dances, Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. W. J. Genil contributed enjoyable items which were vociferously received, while a quartette, composed of Messrs. A. R. Brown, J. H. Shaw, E. B. Manwaring and W. Stoker, led the singing of "Ilka Moor Baht 'At", the whole company enthusiastically joining in.

During dinner the Hongkong Hotel orchestra played a delightful selection of music, and the Hotel band provided the necessary incentive for the dancing.

received every attention, witness declared, and on one occasion she saw a bottle of stout and a tin of Ovaltine within the patient's reach.

Defendant's Evidence.

The defendant, Mohamed Farid, next went into the witness box. He stated that he had known his wife since her girlhood, having both gone to school together. Their subsequent marriage was arranged by the respective maternal parents. "I have had no experience with women until I married my wife. But I have made a comparison between my wife and myself, and I find that she is a bit ignorant in household matters, and other things as well. She could not cook at the time, and she knew nothing about sewing. She had still to be taught by my mother."

Mr. Brooks: What is her disposition?

Witness: She was always thinking of herself and making comparisons between her married life and that before her marriage. She was always sighing for her girlhood days.

Witness said he was accustomed to joke with his wife. In half that mood he had one day called her "a fool" because she was doing some household duty which had appeared to him not to be well proceeded with. "Don't you call me a fool," she had warned, and as he repeated the remark, still half in jest, she had slapped him.

Witness declared that he kept addressing her with that same remark, refusing to be riled, and the slapping had followed each time he repeated it. This went on for ten times, when Mr. Sadick, who was staying with them, came into the room, and he felt ashamed at being thus seen by him.

"If Mr. Sadick had not come into the room and seen us I would not have lost my temper," witness told the Court. He felt he had to do something. So he caught at a feather duster with which his wife was proceeding to strike him and beat her twice on the arm with it. It was a hard exchange of blows.

They both struggled for the feather duster, which snapped in two. He then walked out of the house.

An All-night Row.

In further evidence, witness complained that his wife lacked a true conception of her domestic responsibilities. He also complained of disrespect for his mother. Witness said his wife used to return testy replies to the elder woman, whereas there would be a row. On one occasion the row was carried through the period of a whole night. He left the two women to it, knowing that if he as much as ventured a word he would draw unto himself the whole burden of it; but he felt exhausted the following morning from loss of sleep; he could not sleep and had not slept through it.

The following morning his mother intimated that she was going to "wash her hands" of it all. Therefore he felt constrained to summon her from the kitchen. She appeared, but as soon went back. He was much annoyed by her behaviour, and asked if she thought he would not dare to strike her. (Continued on Page 12.)

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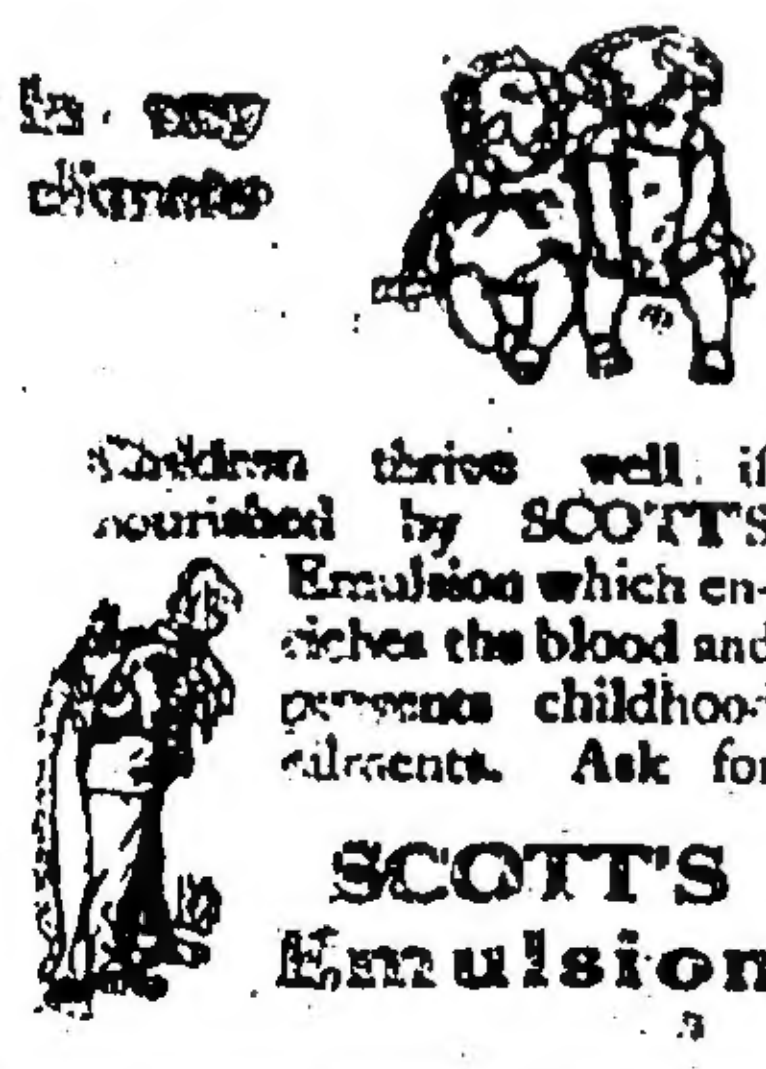
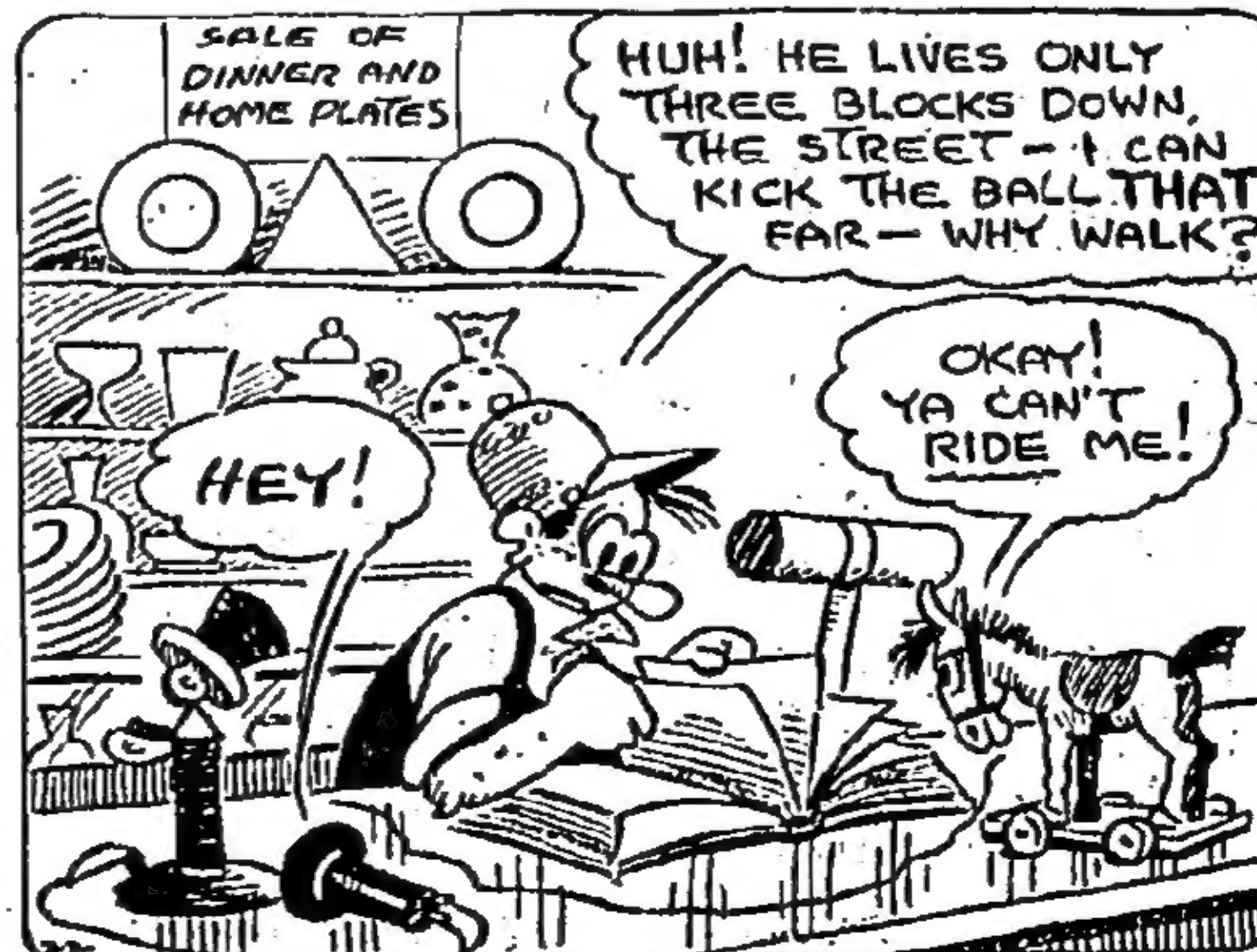
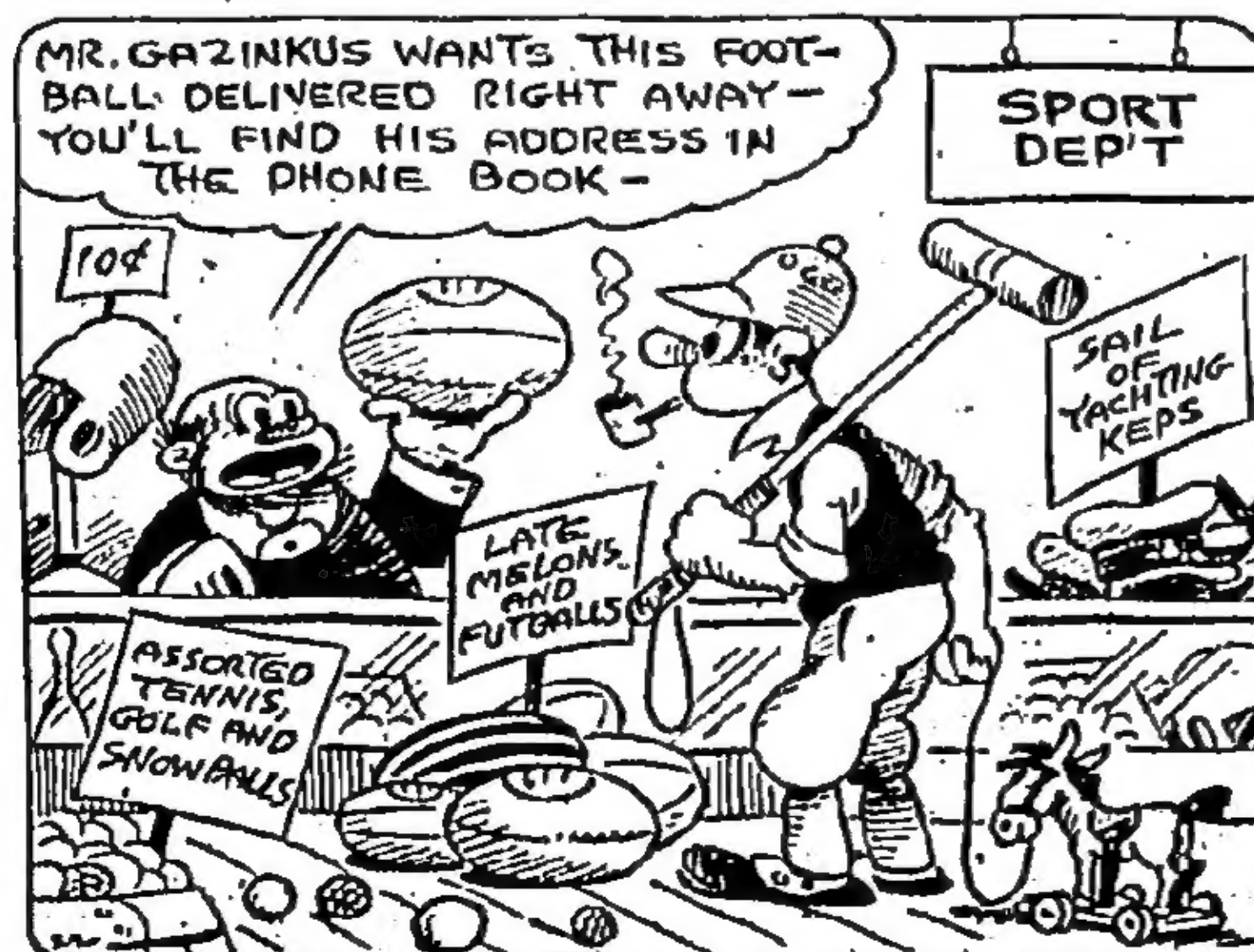
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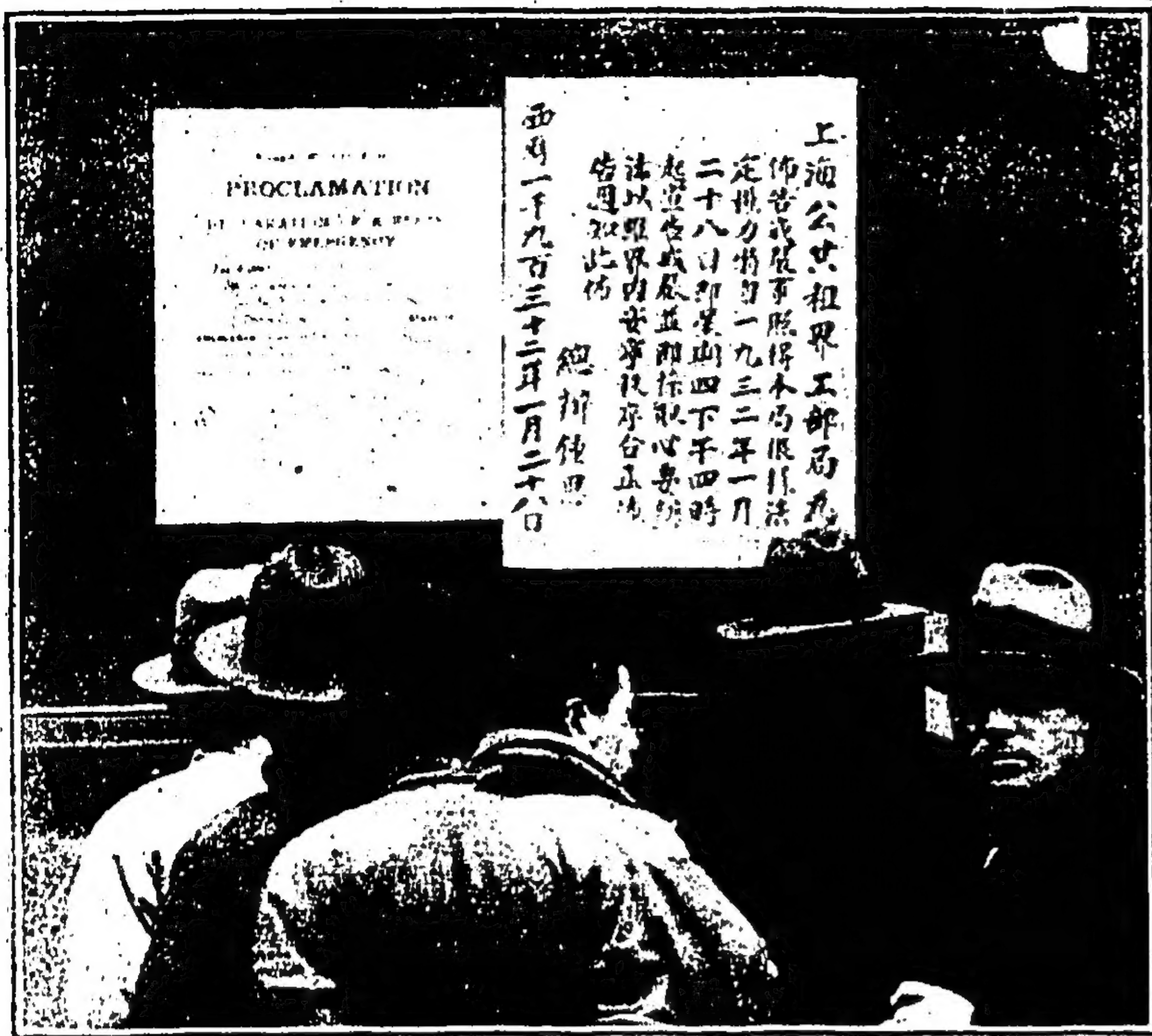
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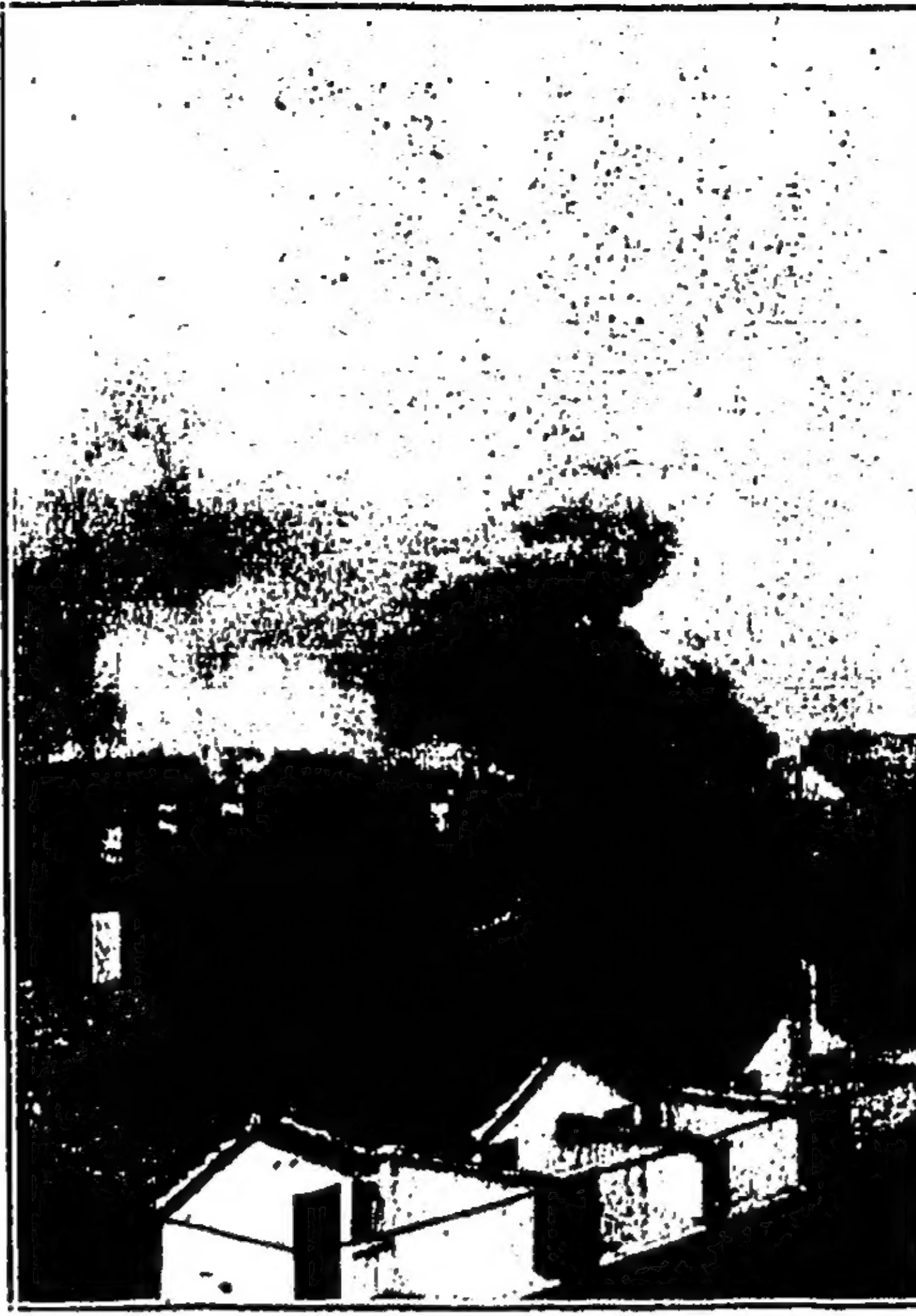
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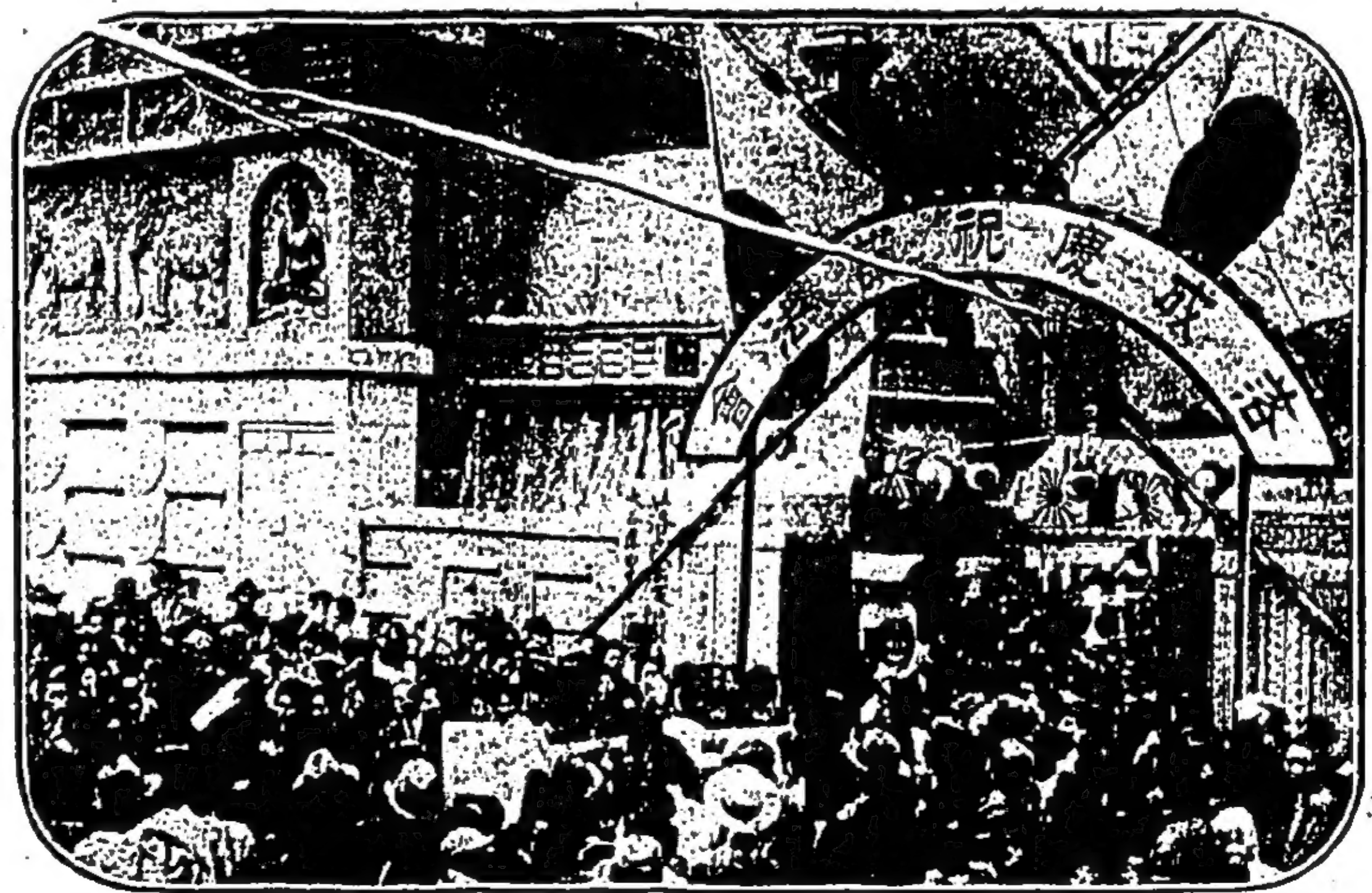
Another conflagration in the Chapel and Kiangwan districts following intensive bombardment from Japanese artillery located on the Rifle Range. Picture shows the seat of the blaze behind the North Railway Station.



The Japanese Marine headquarters on the North Szechuan Road.



Following the dropping of bombs by Japanese aeroplanes on Chapel serious fires continue to rage in Chapel. There being no possibility of fighting the fires, they have by now devastated the larger part of Chapel, causing damage which runs into millions of dollars.



Photograph showing crowds of Japanese outside the Shinto Temple on Chapoo Road, when funeral services were being held for the Japanese monk Rev. Hideo Misukawa who died from injuries received from Chinese rowdies. The service was quiet and undemonstrative and police had little trouble with the crowds.

THREE KINDS of LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Ann, Cecil and Mary Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now so impoverished that Ann's and Cecil's earnings support the household. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grand-aunt is known exclusively as "Grand" and "Grand" and they insist on keeping up instances of their former wealth.

Ann, 25, and Cecil, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 16, is still in school. When the story opens Ann has been engaged to Philip Fenwick, young lawyer, for eight years.

Cecil brings Harry McKel home to dinner. She has known him only a short time but is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances and her friend, Ermintrude, are excited about the arrival of a stock company actor known as Earl De Armont. They go down town next day, hoping to meet him.

Meanwhile Ann, at work, is miserable because Philip's letter has not come.

CHAPTER X

Her eyes went past the orchid-and-black bathtub in the window to the wide sunlit street beyond. When Mr. Redfern had conceived the idea of lowering his rent by moving from the west side of the river to this small place on the east side he had said that it would be much pleasanter for Miss Fenwick. They were closer to the street, here, and she could look out of the window and watch the people passing and the traffic all day long.

He had meant it kindly. He knew, as Ann knew, how light her duties were: a few letters and bills to be sent, a few items to be posted in the books, an occasional telephone call to answer, pay rolls to be made out on Saturdays, and nothing more to be done except for a scurrying day or two around the first of each month.

Since Mr. Redfern managed to keep his ailing business alive only by constant personal ministrations, Ann was alone most of the time in the office. She read library books: novels of the lighter, neatly medicated sort; fictionized biography, or a newly popular philosophy; poetry, sometimes, if the bindings were clean and pretty, though poetry often made her sad. She wrote letters to the few people she knew who did not live in Portland—letters so long that the recipients felt they required a "real letter" in answer (Ann Fenwick writes such dandy letters!) and so, often, never answered them at all. She sewed a little, but guiltily—it didn't look well to be sewing in an office. During the season she went to a nearby market and bought peas and

string beans and prepared them surreptitiously, and with newspapers ready to hand for coverings, to carry home ready to be cooked for the evening meal.

Once, for a few happy months, she had attempted short-story writing; but the following flood of fat envelopes bearing rejections had drowned her courage, or her conceit, and dissolved her ambitions for authorship. She had not told Phil about the short stories. She had been afraid that he would tease her, as he had teased her about the graphology, the French in six easy lessons, the cross-word puzzles. Her defence had been that they killed time. It was hard for Phil to understand why a person who had nothing to do all day but kill time should so often complain of nervousness in the evening; and yet, undoubtedly, David too was tired after the encounter with Goliath.

A messenger boy riding along out there turned his bicycle sharply and dismounted at the curb. Ann's breath caught, but only for the moment it took the boy to discover the number next door.

Phil sometimes had sent flowers to her at the office. Phil, only last year, had said that he hadn't nerve to telephone to her after the way he had acted, and had sent a long letter by messenger. Phil once.

Ann liked her yesterday, and she had fallen into the quaint habit of playing with them in her mind, of arranging and rearranging them as boys arrange their stamp collections. Phil's failure to call her to-day was not so noticeable put beside the evening he had left her house at 10 o'clock and telephoned from a drug store 20 minutes later. Nothing had been wrong that evening; he had wished to hear her voice again, to be certain that she really was. Phil's surliness—last evening did not count for much beside the time she had scolded her hands, and Phil had gone mad, and telephoned to a doctor, and declared that he could not live in a world where Ann could be hurt.

The surliness and the failure to call her, both together, grew small, put beside those two weeks when she had been ill in bed and a box of flowers with a package of notes to be read every half hour all day had arrived each morning—and

then, Phil's cheek wet against hers because he was so happy the first afternoon she was allowed to come downstairs.

She looked again at the clock. Five o'clock. Suppose he did not telephone at all? Suppose she went home, and began to wait there for his message, and it didn't come? Suppose she waited all evening—and all to-morrow, and all to-morrow evening? Suppose she were to begin now, at five o'clock on the fifth day of April, to wait all her life long for a message from Phil that never came?

The telephone bell rang. She snatched the receiver and paused to moisten her lips before she spoke. "Hello."

"Ann, angel..." Cecil's voice thrilled higher and sweeter than usual.

The youth known for the present as Earl DeArmont stood, hat askant and stick suspended from his arm, outside the Happy Hour Pool Room, resting rather than waiting. Standing so, he made no particularly attractive picture, though he was young and tall, slender and well formed. A hasty opinion might have granted him good looks; but a more discriminating observer would have remarked that the dark bright eyes were set too closely together under the overhanging brow, and had this same observer been recently to a zoo he might have noted here an anthropoidal similitude.

The lower part of the face was better: the jaw gave an impression of strength, and the mouth was merely too pink and pretty. His teeth, which showed profusely when he yawned—and he often yawned—were jumbled every which way and revealed some old dentist's prodigality with gold. Further description of Earl DeArmont is difficult, because no one knew the first thing about him. He did not generate

an impression of extreme trustworthiness, nor of recititude; but, probably, he was not blackly villainous—so few persons are.

He looked at the watch on his wrist and found the time past four o'clock. He raised his eyes and did a little reading: Stark realism—J. O. Earle, Chiropractor. A. Andrew Carlson, Dentist. He finished on a lighter and more romantic vein, Hung Chin See, Chop Suey Parlor, and lowered his eyes again to the street.

A block away, by the window of Peggy-Louise's Beauty Shoppe, stood the fat little kid who had been in the restaurant last night, and with her was the pretty girl friend, Earl had no interest in the fat little kid, though he had gathered from her manner in the restaurant that she would probably stand for a pick-up. The girl friend, a peach, probably would not stand for a pick-up; but she might come along with her friend if he

managed it right. No harm in trying. He lighted another cigarette and strolled across the street.

Mary-Frances glanced slantwise from under her long curling lashes. "He is coming," she breathed. "He is coming."

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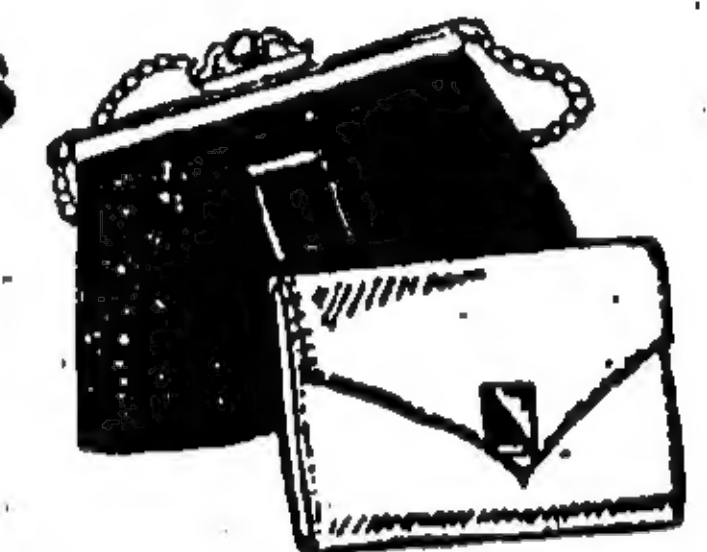
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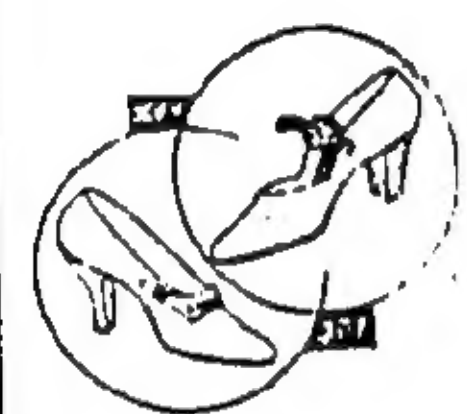
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Parades.

(a) Corps Band.—1. The Band will parade at full strength on every occasion ordered until after the G.O.C.'s Annual Inspection, this is very essential for the prestige of the Corps.
2. Parades for February—Friday, February 26th, and Monday, February 29th.

(b) Battery.—1. There will be a lecture for Staff and any one interested on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters.

2. There will be a parade at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25th, at Headquarters for gun drill and signalling.

3. Battery Staff and signallers will parade at 2.15 p.m. at King's Park on Saturday, February 27th, for Field Work.

4. Camp will be held from March 4th to 6th, and March 11th to 13th, at Tai Lam. Details later.

(c) Engineer Company.—1. February 19th to 21st, Camp, Pakshawan.
2. Monday, February 22nd, Miniature Range.

3. Thursday, February 25th, D. L. Training, Wellington Barracks.
4. Saturday, February 27th, Company supper and prize distribution.

(d) Corps Signaller.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 26th, February, for Buzzar Practice.

(e) Machine Gun Troop.—Parade on Thursday 25th, February at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for M.G. Instruction.

(f) Armoured Car Company.—1. Car Section.—There will be a parade at the P.W.D. Garage on Friday, 26th, February at 5.30 p.m.

2. Motor Cycle Section.—There will be no parade on Monday, 22nd, instant. All ranks will parade on Monday, 29th, instant at 5.30 p.m. for Revolver Instruction.

Rifle Club.—Member will parade at the Miniature Range, Headquarters on Wednesday, 2nd, March.

(g) Machine Gun Company.—1. Owing to the races there will be no parade on Tuesday, 23rd, February.
2. On Tuesday, March 1st, there will be a lecture by Lieut. D. M. Richards in the Lecture Room.

3. Musketry.—The Company will fire Part II at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 21st, and 28th, February, launch leaving Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress:—Uniform or multi optional, but equipment must be worn and rifles and bayonets taken.

Range Officers.—21st, February Lieut. D. M. Richards, 28th, February 2/Lieut. D. L. Strellett.

(h) Scottish Company.—1. Parades—Thursday, 26th, February at 5.30 p.m.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under 2nd Lieut. T. P. Sanderson.
No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters under 2nd Lieut. A. W. Brown.

Squad drill with Arms, Belts and Frogs will be worn.

2. Musketry.—Part II Musketry will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, 13th, March. For those who have not yet fired, this is the last opportunity to qualify for efficiency.

3. Pipe Band.—Pipers and Drummers will parade at Headquarters every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in view of the G.O.C.'s inspection a full turn out is essential.

(i) Portuguese Company.—1. The Company will parade at Headquarters on Friday, February 26th, at 5.30 p.m. under Platoon arrangements as per Company Training Programme.

2. Platoon Commanders will check their Attendance Rolls with the Company Register as it is found that several members have not the necessary attendance to their credit to avoid appearing before the Efficiency Board.

3. Musketry Part II Classification.—Platoon Commanders will render returns showing the numbers of their respective commands who have failed to fire Part II Classification this training season.

These returns must reach the Company Commander on or before Tuesday, February 23rd.

(k) A.A.L.A. Company.—1. The A.P.C. Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at North Point on Thursday, 26th, February.

2. The Portuguese Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Friday, 26th, February.

Annual Inspection.—The General Officer Commanding will inspect The Corps at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22nd.

Flower Show.

No parades on Thursday, 3rd, March at Headquarters owing to Flower Show.

Checking of Rolls.

O's. C. Units are again reminded of the importance of checking their Rolls with the Corps Muster Roll in the Adjutant's Office. Copies of the Monthly Strength are forwarded to all concerned to enable any discrepancy to be discovered. (repeated).

Checking of Attendance Register.—O's. C. Units will cause their Attendance Register to be checked with the Corps Attendance Register forthwith in view of the approach of the Annual Efficiency Board. (repeated).

Arms Drill.

O's. C. Units are reminded of the importance of the practice of arms drill as much as possible in view of the approach of the G.O.C.'s Inspection. (repeated).

Annual Rifle Meeting.

This will be held on Friday, March 25th, and Saturday, March 26th. Entry Fees:

(a) For team competitions, 50 cents per man.
(b) For individual competitions, \$1.00 per man.

The order of events will be as follows:

Friday.—(Morning). Blake Shield Competition (including Musketry Cup); Francis Cup Competition; (Afternoon). Rifle Competition; Attack Competition.

Saturday.—(Morning). Corps Championship; Tyro Competition. Revolver Competition all morning and afternoon on Friday and until noon on Saturday.

In all team competitions, competitors will be informed beforehand of the order and approximate time of firing. Any team not present when called will fire last.

In the Attack Competition teams will consist of four men each. Two teams will fire at same time. Positions will be drawn for.

Competitors will make their own arrangements for lifts on Friday. The Canteen will be in attendance on both days.

Marksmen.

The following have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:

No. 1495 Pipe-Major W. C. K. Mackie, No. 9 Platoon.
No. 1096 Drummer H. R. Major, No. 6 Platoon.

No. 1065 Cpl. G. G. Stopani-Thomson, No. 7 Platoon.
No. 491 Piper G. Nisbet, No. 7 Platoon.

Appointments.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint L.G.S. Dodwell, Esq., to be Lieutenant in the Army Service Corps Cadets of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 3rd, February, 1932.

Authority:—C.S.O. 2 in 198/1032.
No. 1524 Spr. J. M. Purvis, Engineer Company, appointed Acting Lance Sergeant with effect from 1st, March, 1932 until the termination of his leave.

No. 1285 Gnr. A. Laughton, Battery, appointed Lance Bombardier with effect from 19.2.32.

No. 1326 Gnr. A. S. Bliss, Battery, appointed Lance Bombardier with effect from 19.2.32.

Transfer.

No. 219 Cpl. W. Greig, Scottish Reserve, is transferred to No. 6 Platoon as from 19.2.32.

No. 1722 Bdm. C. Sloan, Corps Band, is transferred to No. 6 Platoon as from 19.2.32.

Strength.

The following has been taken on the Strength:

No. 1782 Pte. J. Hunter, No. 3 Platoon joined 19.2.32.

Struck Off the Strength.
Having Been Transferred to Another Port.

No. 1749 Tpr. B. P. Massey, Machine Gun Troop, as from 20.2.32.

No. 1447 Cpl. E. W. Walkinshaw, Motor Cycle Section, as from 19.2.32.

No. 1647 Pte. A. W. Gough, Motor Cycle Section, as from 19.2.32.

No. 1048 Pte. W. D. Johnson, No. 1 Platoon, as from 1.12.31.

Having Been Fined and Dismissed.
No. 1259 Pte. C. A. L. Rickett, Car Section, as from 12.2.32.

Having Completed 3 Years' Service.
No. 1238 L/Cpl. J. M. X. de Souza, Corps Band, as from 19.10.31.

No. 1373 L/Cpl. J. L. Bonnar, No. 1 Platoon, as from 7.12.31.

Having Left the Colony.
No. 1491 Cpl. F. Byles, No. 1 Platoon, as from 15.12.31.

No. 1634 Pte. F. N. Wilson, No. 3 Platoon, as from 28.9.31.

No. 1504 Pte. H. Bullock, No. 4 Platoon, as from 1.10.31.

No. 1549 Pte. W. E. Hunt, No. 4 Platoon, as from 20.1.31.

RACES BEGIN TO-DAY.

TIPS FOR OPENING EVENTS.

(By "Ringtail").

Some colossal fields will be seen at the opening of the Spring Meeting which will be held at the Happy Valley to-day, and, judging by what I can hear, some very good sport is promised.

There are twelve races on the card, the principal event being the Valley Stakes over a distance of six furlongs for subscription griffins. Some extremely good ponies will be out in this event and one of the best races of the meeting should be witnessed.

The Mildens and the Trial Plates are also two important events which will help backers to decide on their fancy for the Derby and some of the other classics of the meeting.

Some of the ponies which have helped to keep racing going during past seasons will also sport silk and we are sure to see some sport which will vie with any previous season.

My selections from the fourth race onward are:

4th Race.

Zadderday.
Manna.
Calamity Jane.

5th Race.

Sunlight.
Tatpling.
Wotin.

6th Race.

Sitting Bull.
Sadko.
Gold Key.

7th Race.

Racing Boy.
Gy-Fres.
Phylander.

8th Race.

Tontine.
Bowerly Bay.
Princess Hall.

9th Race.

Diana Bay.
Apollo.
King's Bounty.

10th Race.

Gay Crusader.
The Tiger.
Wisdom Star.

11th Race.

Wild Life.
Deveron.
Punch.

12th Race.

Hetman.
Bright Star.
King's Colour.

Leave.

Captain M. A. Johnson, M.M., Engineer Company, granted 9 months' leave from 1.3.32 to 1.12.32.

No. 1405 Pte. M. P. Olsen, Motor Cycle Section, granted 2 months' leave from 1.3.32 to 31.3.32.

No. 1605 Cpl. K. C. Hamilton, Motor Cycle Section, granted 1 month's leave from 1.3.32 to 29.3.32.

No. 1284 Cpl. A. N. Braudo, No. 7 Platoon, granted 9 months' leave from 1.3.32 to 30.11.32.

No. 1493 Cpl. E. B. Gammell, No. 1 Platoon, granted 9 months' leave from 6.10.31 to 5.7.32.

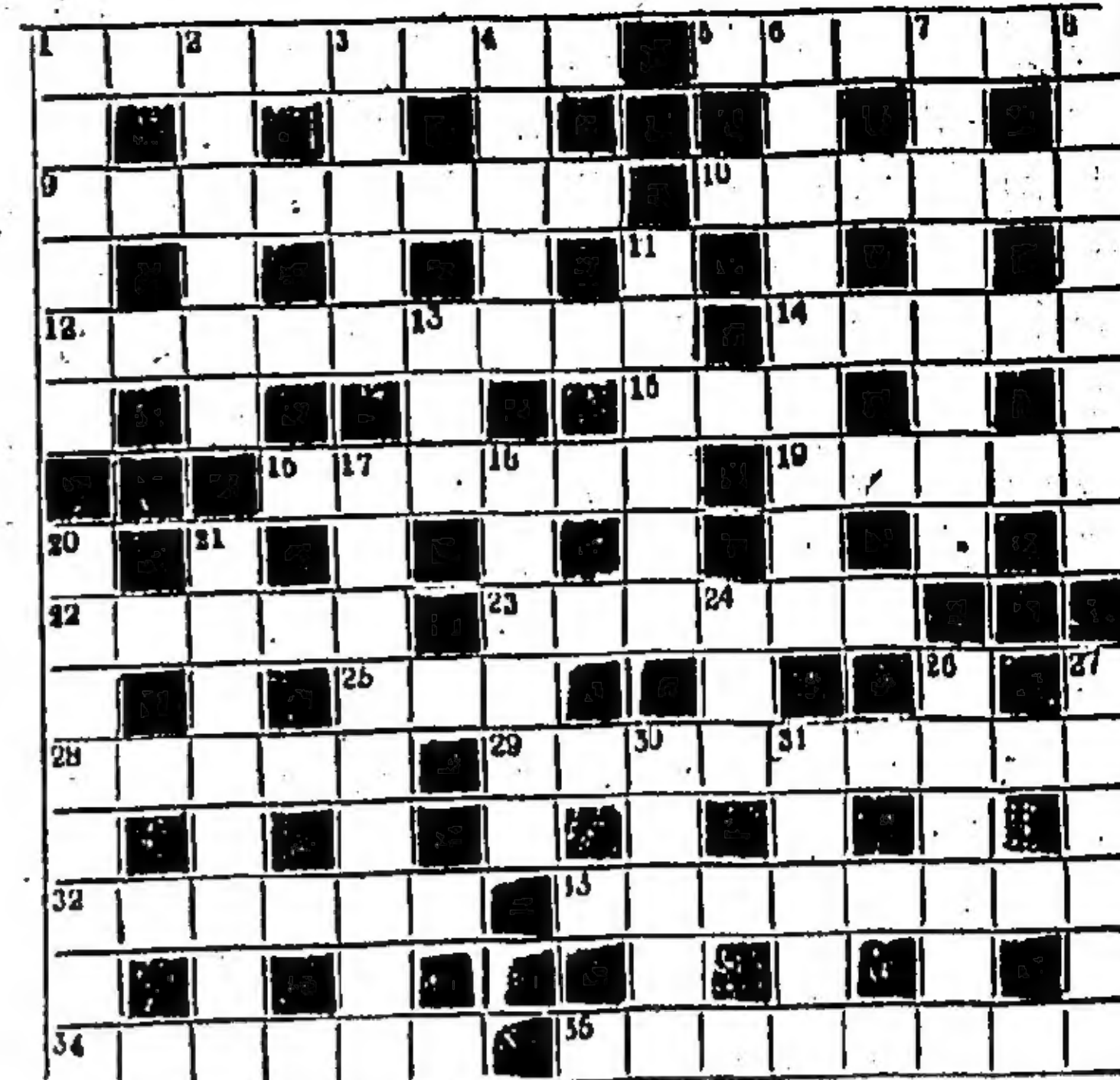
No. 1346 Pte. O. E. C. Marton, No. 1 Platoon, returned from leave on 1.12.31.

No. 689 Pte. W. F. Kerr, No. 4 Platoon, returned from leave on 20.1.32.

No. 1590 Gnr. H. C. F. Aris, Battery, returned from leave on 10.2.32.

W. H. G. GOATER, CAPTAIN, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 If you see doctors about anything, this excessive form of ventilation follows.
- 5 "Bring with thee airs from heaven or—from hell" (Hamlet).
- 9 Sounds lively and like Mrs. 22.
- 10 A decorative plant that does not end strictly.
- 12 If you are asked if your this is dead, you are not necessarily a hand-master.
- 14 Muse.
- 15 In the centre of Kerry.
- 16 Saxon king.
- 19 It's pure luck for a golfer to get down this (two word).
- 22 A feminine name.
- 23 Fruit suggested by William.
- 25 Would more appropriately be 36.
- 29 Fabric available for a saint.
- 30 Vulgar.
- 32 Trifle.
- 33 Curse them in three articles.
- 34 "One of Five Nails"—a story.
- 35 You often find it heading a serial instalment.

Down

- 1 By way of a change, an example of shortage of thread.
- 2 Feeling.
- 3 Comprehend.
- 4 English river.
- 6 Pigment in heather, or the gall of a rhinoceros.
- 7 A name that occurs in Central America.

8 The kind of fiction that used to be forbidden to sweet seventeen (hypocrite).

11 Long before aeroplanes, there were flights to this spot.

13 Flow back.

17 How's very raw.

18 Book of the O.T.

20 Frail sap (sawing).

21 Don't put this here; it's thousands to one it would be wrong.

24 We saw Louis at one exit of the Regal (hidden).

26 Religious fraternities.

27 It is not surprising that these become real ladies.

30 Swell.

31 Hol this was our greatest sailor.

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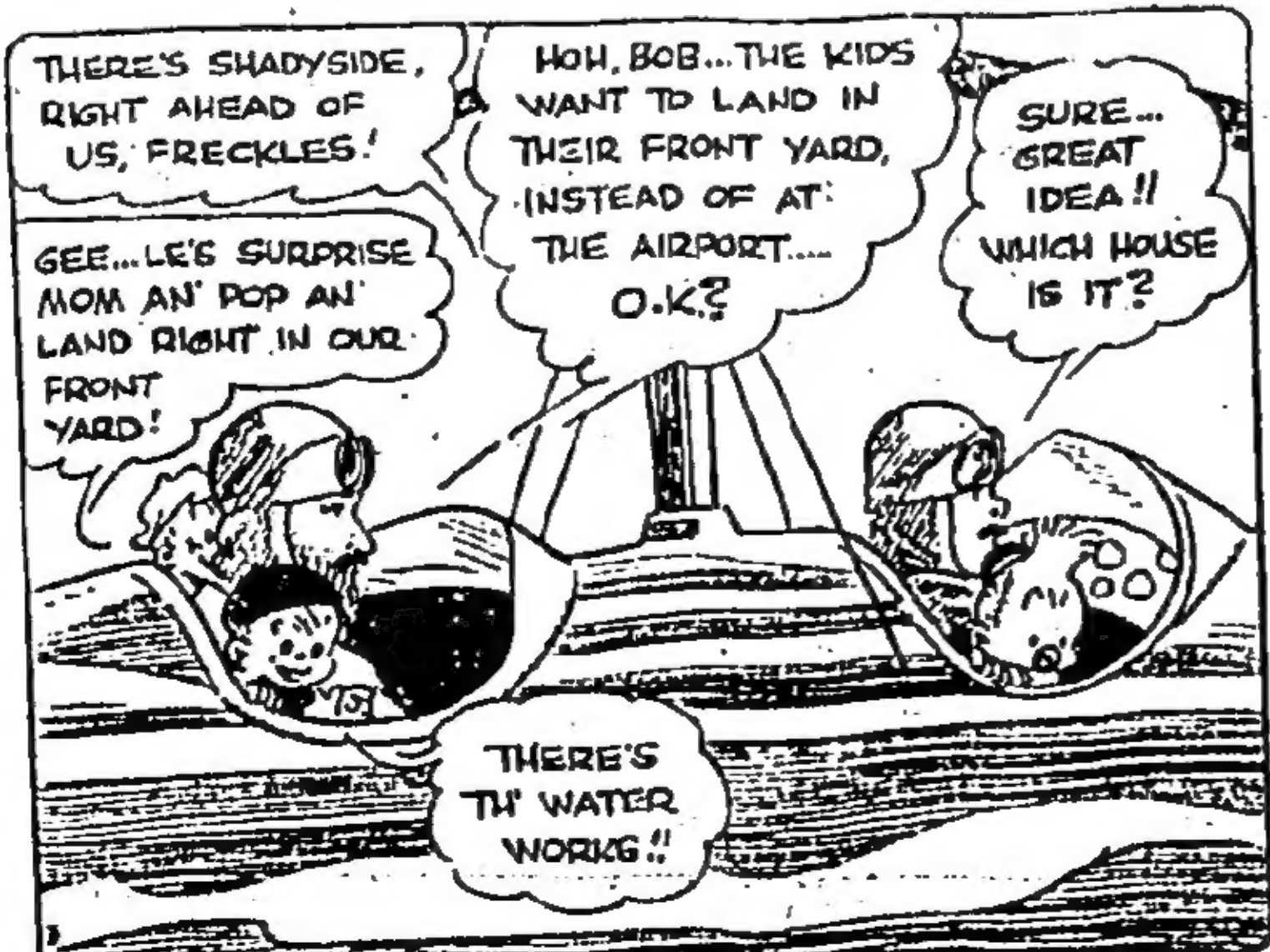
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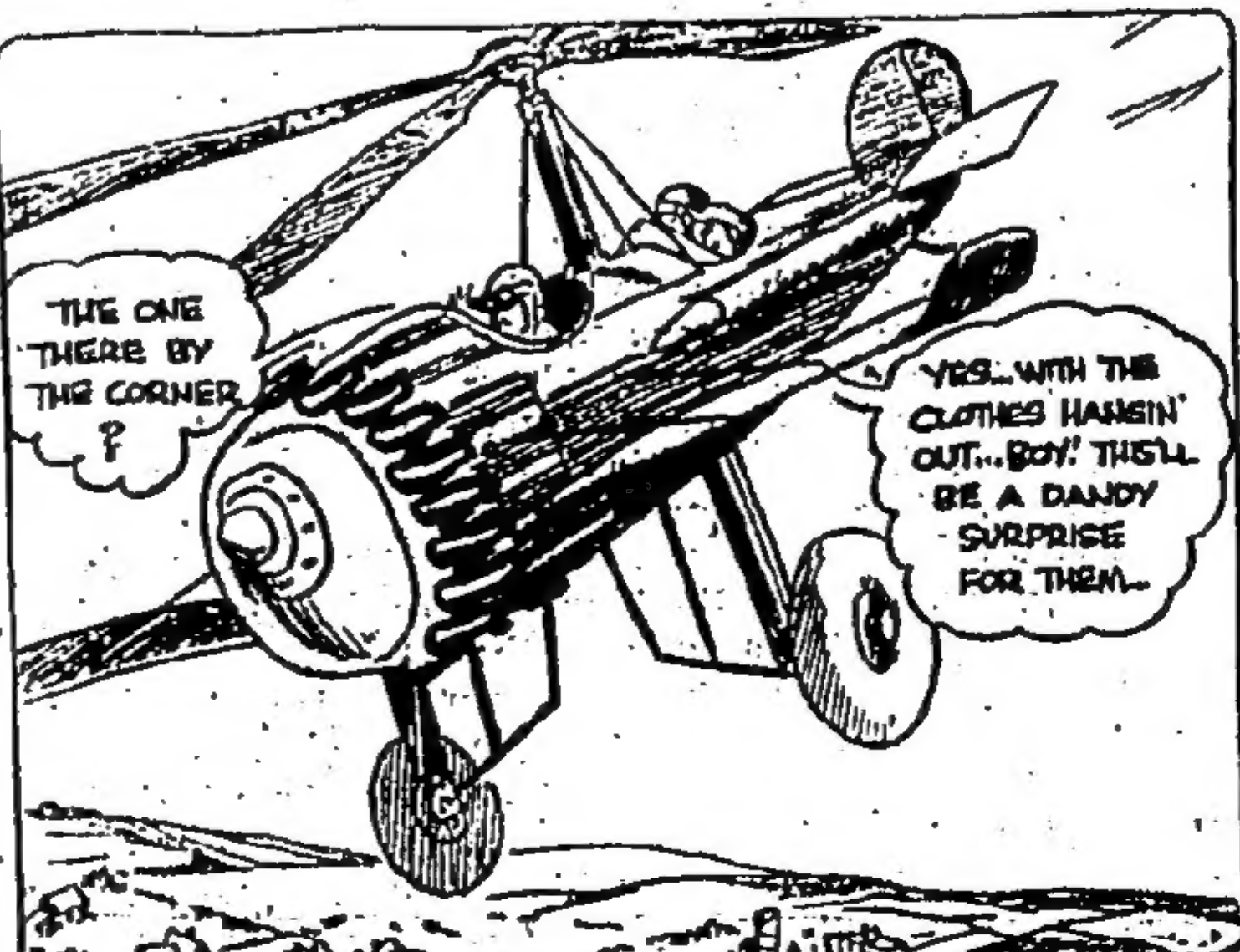
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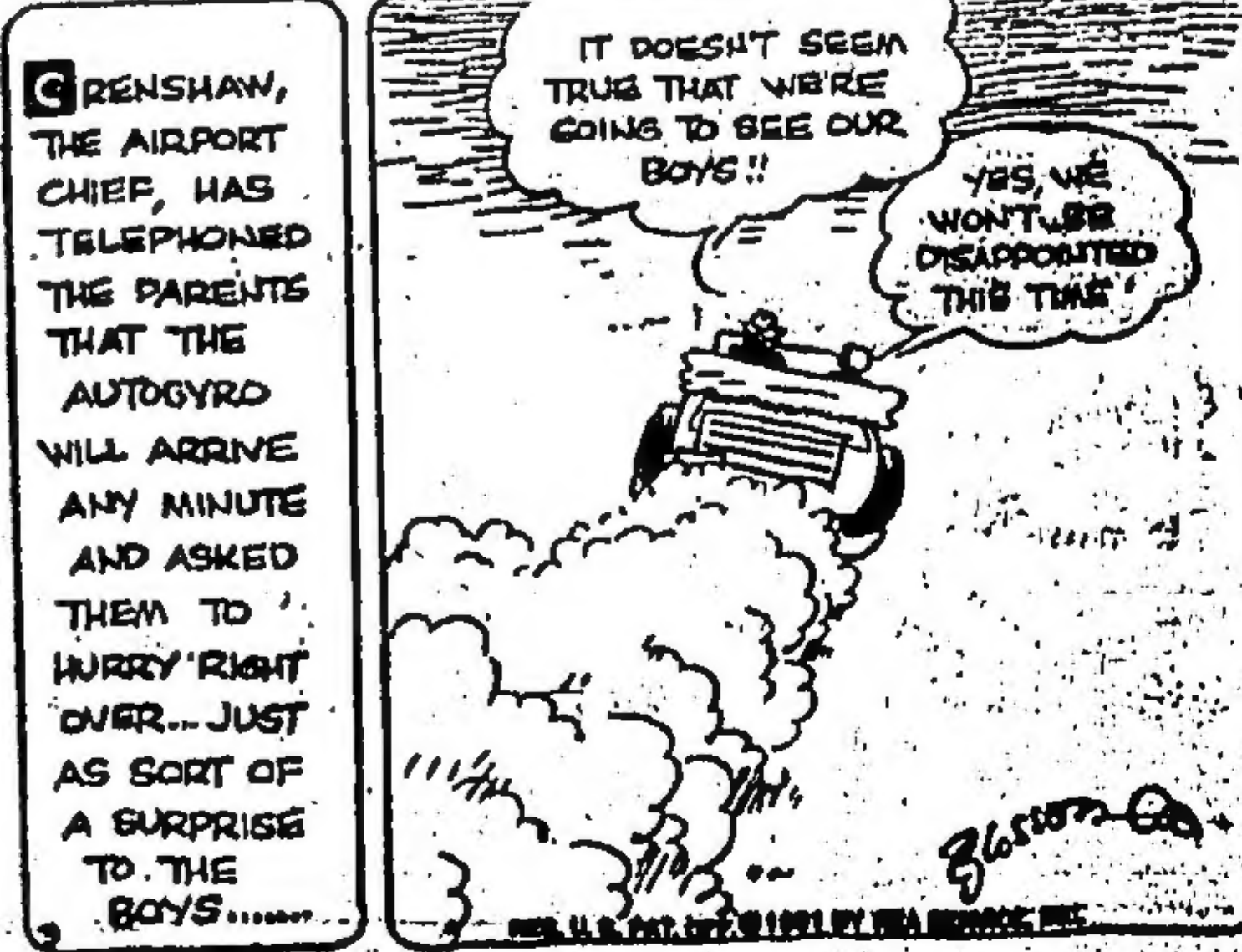
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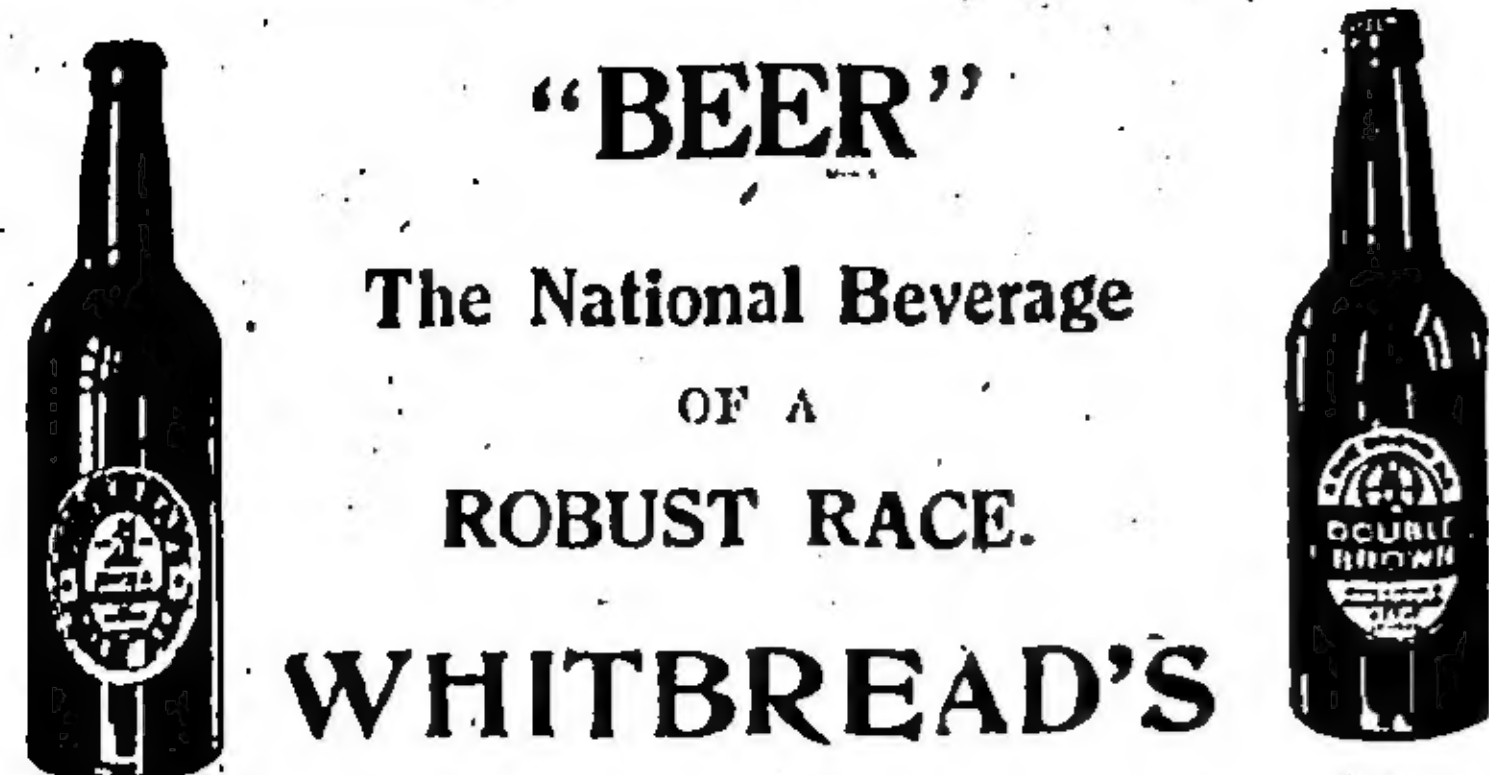


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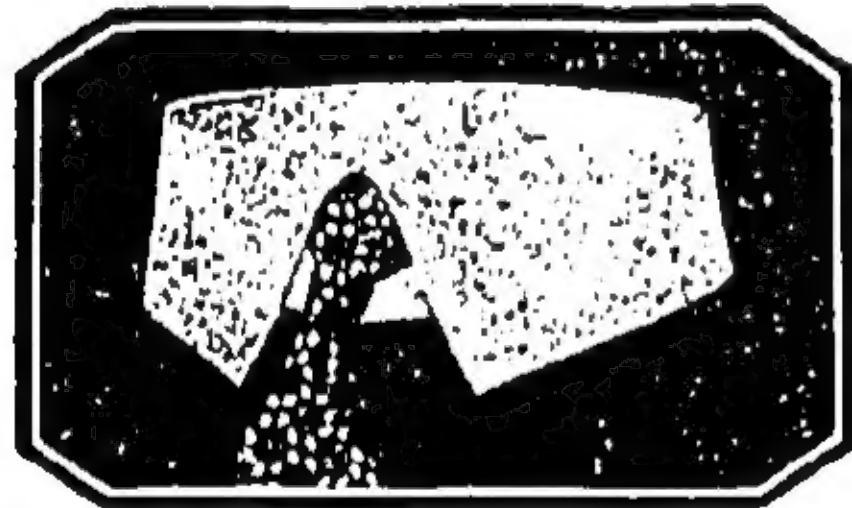
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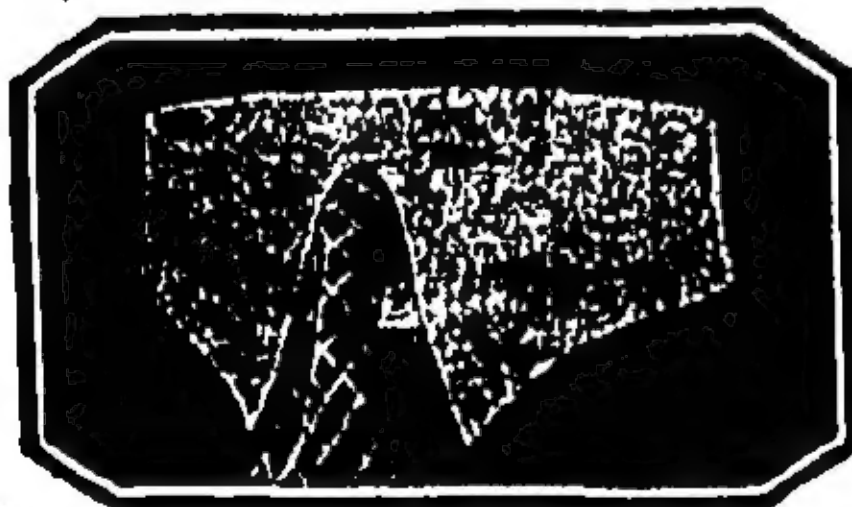
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THE WAR OUTLOOK.

By the time these words appear in print, it seems more than likely that major hostilities as between the Chinese and the Japanese at Shanghai will have broken out, with consequences which no-one can foresee. There were hopes when delegates from both sides met for the first time in the French Concession on Thursday that an eleven-hour realisation of the folly of continuing the warfare would have saved the situation. Unhappily, these hopes have not materialised. In view of the sweeping nature of the Japanese demands, this is not surprising. After all, Japan's defence of her action in Shanghai has hitherto rested on the alleged necessity of taking measures for the protection of her nationals there; but the terms of the rejected ultimatum go much further than anything which can be possibly required for this purpose. We need only cite the demands for the permanent dismantling of the Woosung and Paoshan Forts, and the permanent withdrawal of all Chinese troops to twenty kilometres from Shanghai on both sides of the Whangpoo River and twenty kilometres from the mouth of the river, to establish that point.

It is interesting and somewhat puzzling to understand why the Japanese have such a "hate" on the 19th Route Army, composed of Cantonese troops who have hitherto borne the brunt of the enemy attack. The Chinese, of course, say that this is so because the 19th Army has been such an obstacle to the invaders. Almost from the start, however, the Japanese have been suggesting that these particular troops are undisciplined, that they are not under the control of the Nanking Government, by whom, indeed, they are suspect. This point was taken further yesterday by an assertion by the Japanese delegate at Geneva that this particular Army contains many Communist elements and that the Nanking Gov-

ernment has placed troops around it, isolating it and watching its movements. This allegation is intriguing, but if there is any truth on the latter part of the statement it will come as a great surprise, even if on the surface it appears that this Army has been acting more or less independently. The suggestion that these troops are Communists is no less surprising. They are Chan Ming-shu's men, and he has been anything but a Communist and was certainly pro-Nanking in the split between Canton and Nanking. Incidentally, very little has been heard of him since the Shanghai trouble began. The same may be said of most of China's leaders. This makes it hard to appreciate exactly what is happening in Chinese politics in regard to the Shanghai upheaval.

There have been hints thrown out lately which have created some mystery concerning the attitude of Chiang Kai-shek. A Chinese report from Shanghai recently went so far as to state that Chiang had secretly entered into an agreement with Japan to refrain from sending any of his troops to Shanghai and that he is willing to settle Sino-Japanese issues with Japan if and when the Cantonese troops are driven back. Another report, also from Chinese sources, stated that Chiang recently ordered eight planes which should have gone to Shanghai to remain in Nanking. How much truth there is in these assertions it is hard to say. They may be hard to believe, but it is not without some significance that Chiang has remained remarkably silent during the whole trouble. What is more, a Tokyo message of a couple of days ago stated that Japan's ultimatum was expected to apply only to the 19th Army, and not Chiang Kai-shek's troops. Maybe the exact position of Chiang will be made clear very shortly. In the meantime, it is the subject of much speculation.

In Cockney Coming Into Its Own?

However unflattering an opinion the outside world may cherish of the cockney speech of London, no Londoner who uses it, as is well known, is in any way ashamed of it. Quite the contrary. Though Oxford or Cambridge or some other university may impart culture to his speech, though the exigencies of business or politics may make it expedient for him to guard against lapsing into the ditchless parlance of East 'am, he will often affectionately return to it whenever the necessity for expressing himself in his superimposed dialect has passed. Further, even many of those Londoners whose speech has always run in the standardized channels of flawless English are extremely fond of the unpolished speech of their streets. It is, indeed, this general regard for the cockney's dialect that perhaps best explains why most Londoners have taken so keen an interest in the recently propounded theory that cockney was introduced to London by Charles II and Nell Gwynne, and that later, when it became popular, it was abandoned by the fashionable world, though faithfully preserved to this day by the East End inhabitant. It must be admitted, however, that the authority who is responsible for this attempted vindication of cockney is careful to hint at the errors inherent in all theories, and especially in those that attempt to explain the mysterious origin of dialects. On the other hand, it is difficult not to sympathize with the cockney Londoner, for being flattered at so romantic an origin of his much-abused speech. Nor is it any wonder that, having attained to so exalted a parentage, an attempt should be made to forecast the restoration of cockney among the circles from which it originally sprang. For, so the ingenious argument runs, since the radio is rapidly making Oxford English popular among all sections of London's populace, there is no reason why the process by which cockney suffered its downfall should not be reversed so that in a generation or two it will again be the accepted speech of the fashionable world, while Oxford speech will be relegated to the streets, where, it is suggested, it will probably share the obloquy so long suffered by cockney. Such a reinstatement of cockney among

DAY BY DAY

"TIS WITH OUR JUDGMENTS AS OUR WATCHES. NONE GO JUST ALIKE, YET EACH BELIEVES HIS OWN.—Pope.

For the convenience of customers during Race Days, the Hongkong Hotel will serve tillas in Mac's Cafe and the Grill Room from noon, or earlier if desired.

His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Chau Tau-nin to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice Sir Shou-nan Chow, Kt.

The forthcoming wedding is announced by Mr. S. T. Butlin, chartered accountant, of "Lauriston", Kowloon, and Miss Edith Lewis Bailey, nursing sister, of the Peak Hotel.

His Excellency the Governor has made the following appointment in the Army Service Corps Cadre of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps:—Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell, to be Lieutenant.

Tenders are being invited for the re-constructing Aberdeen Lower Dam, extension of overflow and floodwater arrangements; also the construction of a small catchwater draining the slopes of Bennett's Hill Catchwater.

Observatory returns show that January was an entirely rainless month. The average mean temperature was 69.4, the lowest being 43.3 and the highest 73.9. There were 219.9 hours of sunshine, and the average humidity was 64.

The consolidated "Vehicles and Traffic Regulations" made by the Governor-in-Council, for 1932, have been officially issued in booklet form. Copies may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Brewer and Co., Novartha and Co., the Colonial Secretariat and the Police Department, at \$1.50 each.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., advertise that on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th February, 1932, all departments will be closed at 1 p.m. On these days, the Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be opened for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The Hongkong Orchestral Society advertise that a meeting of members will be held at Messrs. Tang Fook Co., Ice House Street, on Thursday, February 25, at 6.15 p.m. The Society invites new members to join and attend this meeting. All interested should communicate with Mr. Harold C. Leong, 3 Prospect Place, Bonham Road.

the high place of society would, indeed, be a fascinating event in philology, though, it must be acknowledged, considering the cockney's attachment to, and indeed his pride in, his speech, it seems a most improbable one. Whether, then, the Merry Monarch was the one who so firmly planted cockney in London's soil, or as is more probable, the famous East End dialect is of far more ancient Mercian and West Saxon origin, there can be little doubt that for a long time to come it will still remain in the inalienable possession of the cockney Londoner.

Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

Brokers' Alley seems determined to fall in with the bargain sale habit. All prices are being marked down.

Maybe the best way to get these "Slow Down" signs observed is to speed up the Traffic Courts.

A Peak resident has just engaged a houseboy who is nearly six feet high. This, however, will only mean that the crockery has further to fall.

Judging by the records reported at the annual meeting, Hongkong Tramways appear to be running on the right lines.

Amongst ponies entered for the races, it is reassuring to find the Slump offset by Highjinks, Vim, that comes to hand, to be well Whoopee, Helter Skelter, White mixed, and served without dress-label, Wild Life and Snappy Eve, ing.

A talkie actor is going to Ireland to study the brogue. Getting it off pat.

One way to test a superstitious person is to give him \$13 change for a \$10 note.

There was a brass band at a local Chinese wedding recently. In striking contrast to the golden ring.

A contemporary has already worked out the winners in all rounds of the tennis tournaments. This, of course, saves many of them from bothering about winning.

With the imposition of so many new duties in Britain, it is feared in some circles, that the Old Country may put the ban on bananas!

Judging from the advice given by some local racing scribes, Lindrum has nothing on them in the way of tips.

A lady who lived on the Peak: Decided nude kultur to seek. She climbed up High West. When a bee stung her chest. And she hasn't sat down for a week!

Talkie newsreel commentators must be gratified to note that Shanghai war correspondents have not yet had recourse to the word Nipponese!

So far as we can see, the only comfort local tennis critics will enjoy if E. C. Fincher doesn't win the championship is that they will have all been wrong!

To the masculine mind, the difference in ladies' creations seems to be that a dress costs \$25, a frock \$100 and a gown \$250.

These school prize-givings suggest that there must be at least one dull boy in every class to provide jobs in later years for the brilliant ones.

Paris news says dress designers are now using geometry in cutting out evening gowns. We suggest a little simple addition.

The Hock Hai Steamship Company is to be struck off the Register. Suppose the slump has kilt it!

Salade a la Nudiste.—Anything that comes to hand, to be well Whoopee, Helter Skelter, White mixed, and served without dress-label, Wild Life and Snappy Eve, ing.

The man who put the din in dinner also took the rest out of restaurant.

"The City of Shanghai" is racing in Hongkong. Hope it doesn't get a bad start!

Naturally, Y.M.C.A. members who patronise the swimming bath are permitted use of a red triangle.



WIFE: Why did you tell your friends that you married me because I was such a good cook? I can't cook a potato!

HUSBAND: Well, I had to have some excuse.

(Mr. Herbert E. Lanpart, the champion of the local nudist, stated during the week that "our forefathers were narrow-minded enough to violently oppose the introduction of the steam railway... for fear that the movement of the trains might frighten cows, etc.")

Mister Lanpart tells us that the fear of going nude, Shows we are not really civilized, in fact we're very crude.

The fact that our ancestors, steam engines did oppose. He uses as an argument in favour of no clothes. "Yet we to-day have trains and cows."

He goes on to relate; Forgetting that with brains and "trous" "We'd rather be sedate. "Fear has its seat in weakness," Is another piece of gup. Though it might explain, the meekness

Of a young nudist pup. He might co-opt Marconi, Or Einstein in support. Though even that old crony, Is sometimes wrapt in thought! —CYN.

More soap is we read, being used in England. The soft variety has always had a good run in Hongkong.

She was only a mariner's daughter, but oh how she clung to her buoy!

We sympathise with the gentleman whose foot was trodden upon by an elephant. Enough to make any sir cuss!

Persia, we see, is protesting against America's increased tariffs on her products. She evidently feels like putting her foot down hard on rugs.

The average American is said to weigh considerably more than the average Englishman. That's not counting the pocket-flask, either.

There is said to be a revival of athletics in Russia. Many young enthusiasts are, we presume, in training for the putting-the-bomb events.

"The fashionable trend of the tie," says a fashion expert, "is towards a sort of ultra elegance. Better that than up the back of the collar."

Motor-car colours are now being given fancy names, yet, somehow, black still remains black. It might as easily be Arabian Night!

The strokes of a tennis player in the Open Championship this week have been described as the "poetry of motion." Tennyson!



"Well, if that's all you can spare, Missus, I'll have to charge the golf knickers."

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Canton aviators have gone to the assistance of the Chinese forces in Shanghai. Here is an airman with one of the splendid machines belonging to the Aviation Academy. (Photo: Yim Fong).



Students of the Academy are here seen fitting an engine to one of the planes. (Photo: Yim Fong).



Here some of the students of the Canton Aviation Academy are seen fitting engines in the workshops. (Photo: Yim Fong).

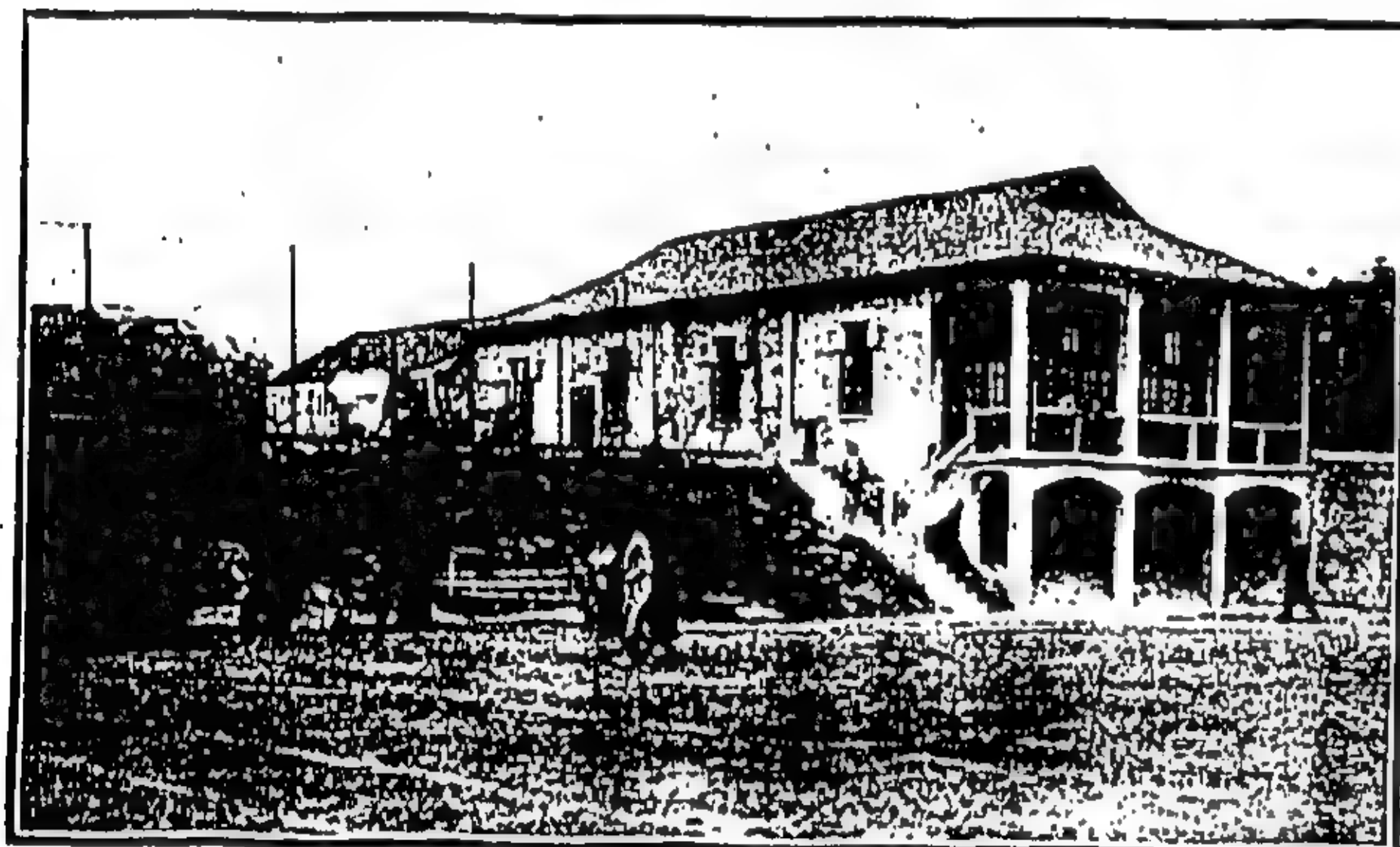


Photo shows the new pavilion of the China Light and Power Co. Recreation Club, opened by Mr. A. H. Compton at King's Park on Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



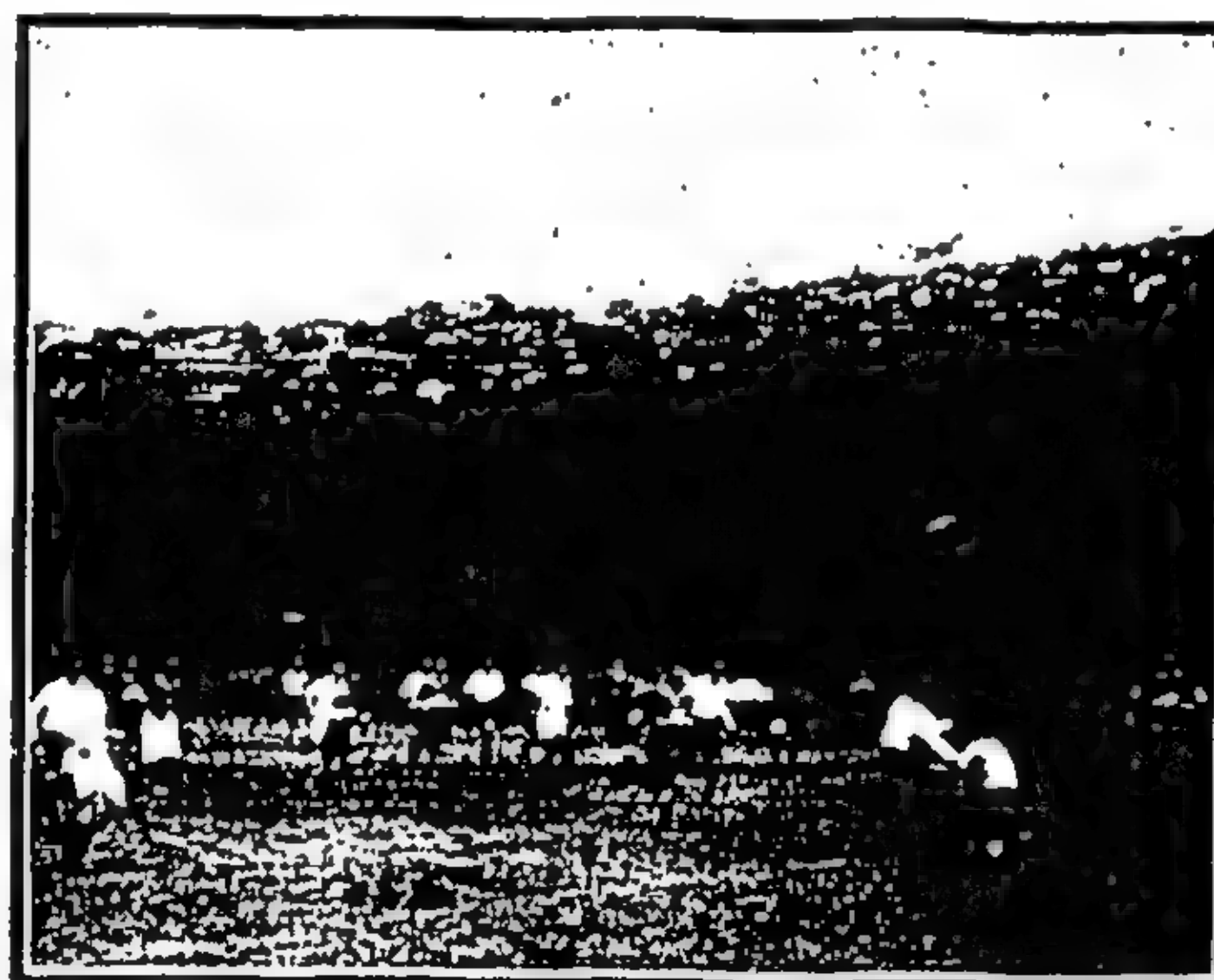
Here is an interior view of the Canton Aviation Academy, showing the sleeping quarters of the students. (Photo: Yim Fong).



A flashlight group taken on H. M. S. Medway, on the occasion of a fancy dress party. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



The funeral of the late Petty Officer John Fellows, of H. M. submarine Proteus, is here seen wending its way to the Cemetery at Happy Valley. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



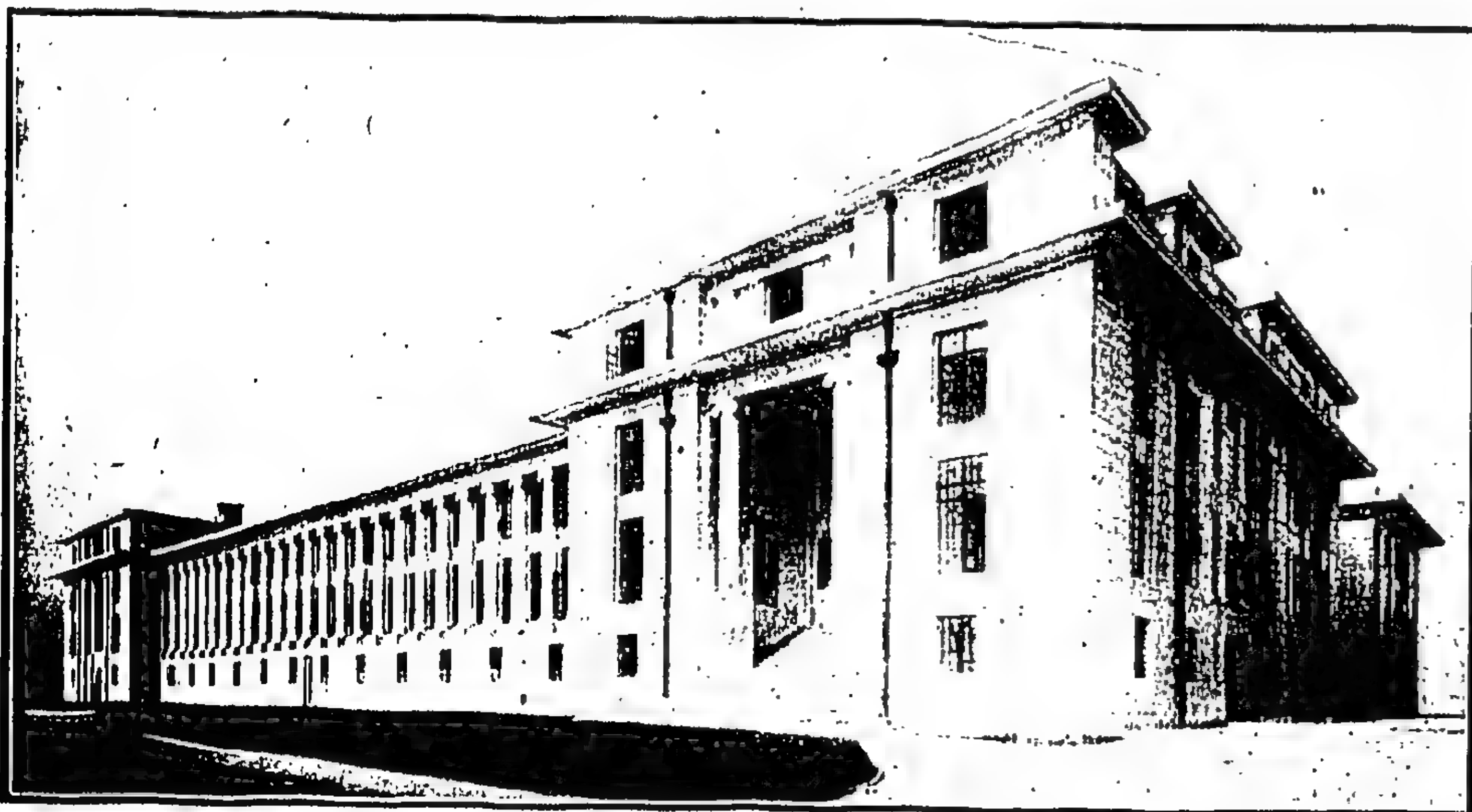
With a weakened team, Kowloon Rugby Club were defeated by a team from the Small Ships on Saturday. Photo shows match in progress. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Mr. Stanton leading in Target (Mr. Corbett up), winner of the Latonia Handicap at Fanling Races. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Cloudy Eve being led in after winning the Agua Caliente Handicap at Fanling. Mr. Cann is the jockey. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



This striking picture shows the new War Memorial Hospital at Mount Kellott, The Peak, which is soon to be opened. (Photo: A. Fong).



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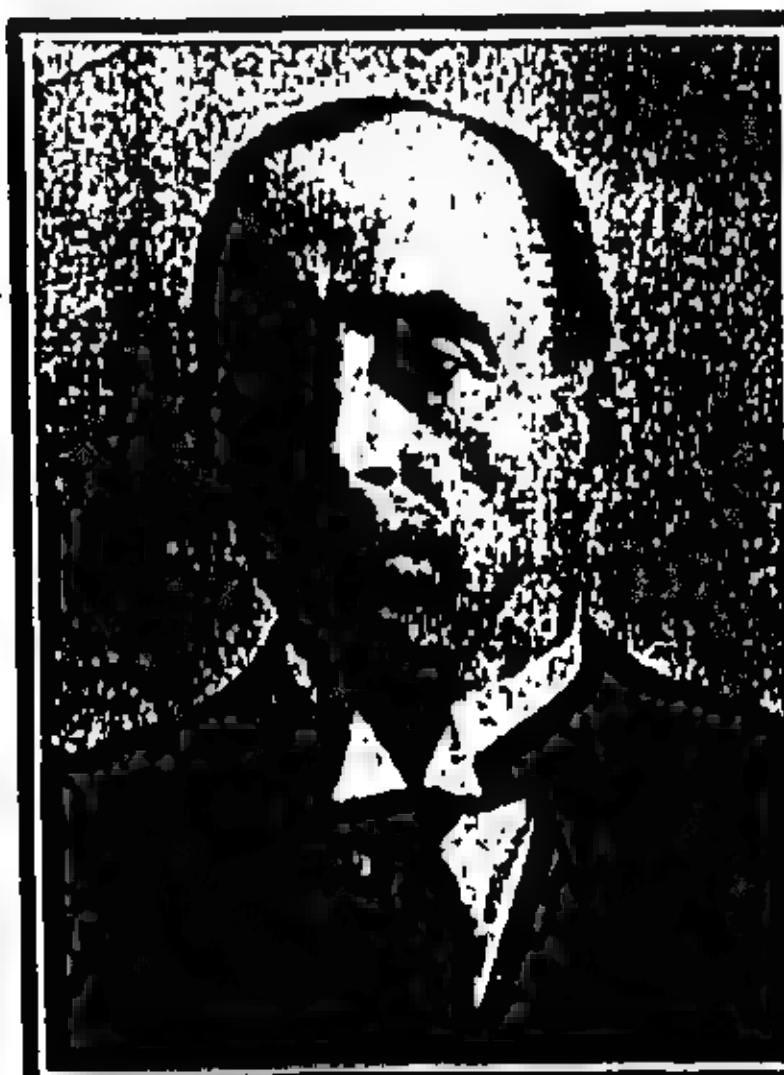
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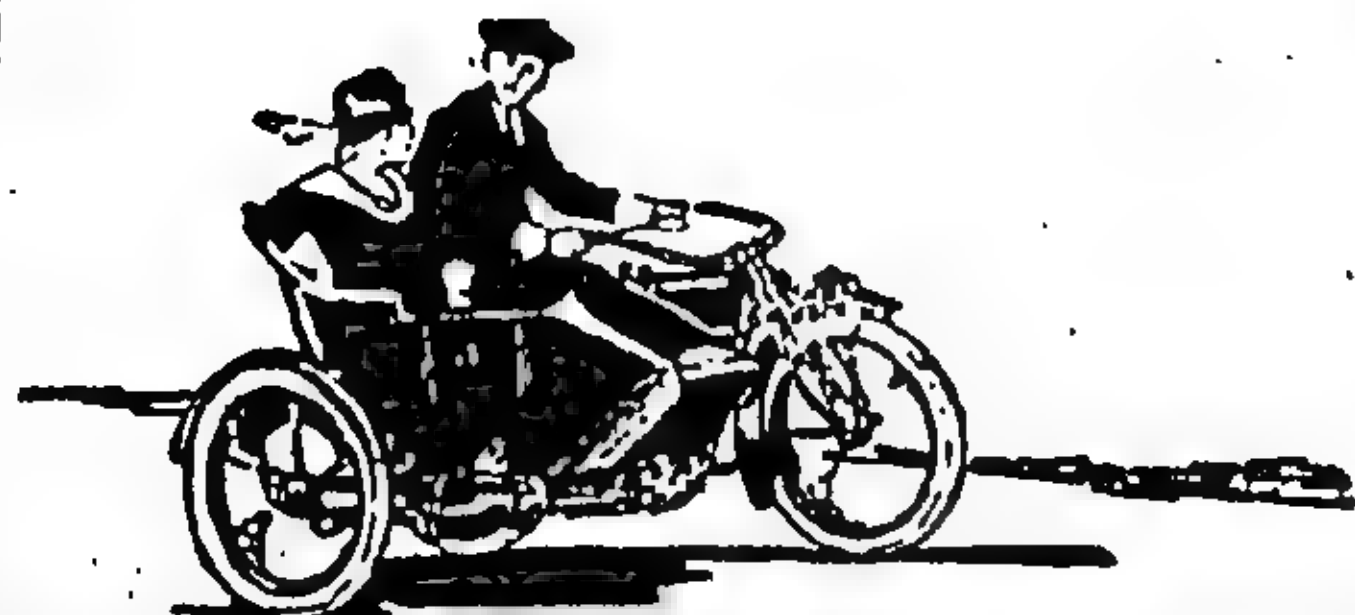
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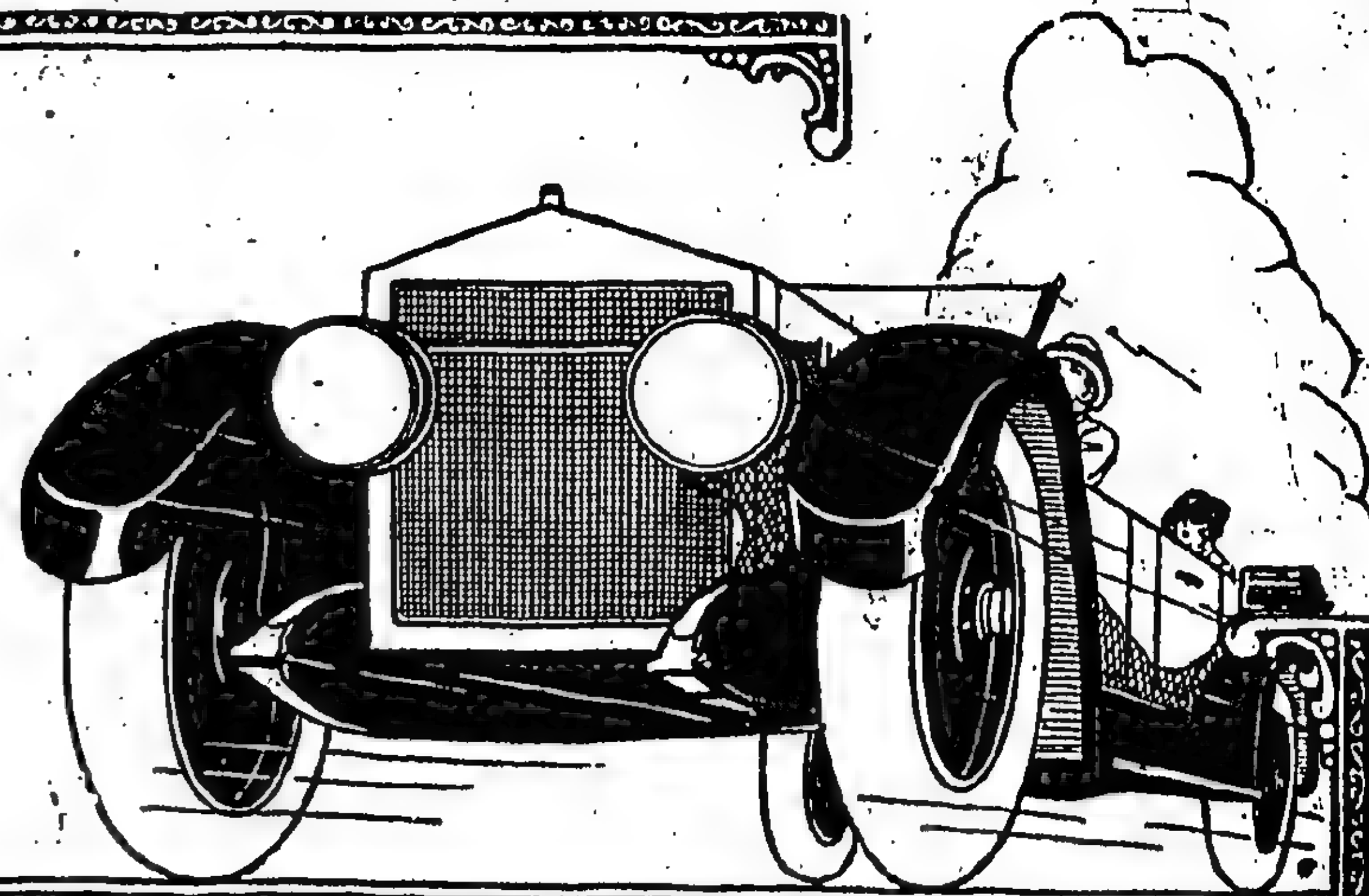
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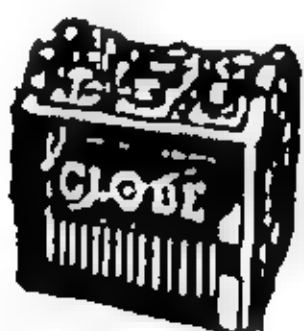
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James V. Martin, aeroplane de-
signer, shown in the photo. The
automobile will go 110 miles an
hour, its inventor claims, and can
get 45 miles to the gallon. The
motor is in the rear.

THIRD PARTIES AND THE LAW.

An Owner's Responsibility for Strangers'
Interference.

In two previous articles in these
columns of The Morris Owner I
have dealt with the questions of
the liabilities of the owner of a
car for damage done by his
friends when driving his car, and
for damage done by his servants,
and in this article I propose to take
my reader a step farther and deal
with the liability of the motorist
for damage which result from the
interference of some stranger or
third party.

People frequently express sur-
prise when shown reports of cases
where the Court has held a man
responsible for some damage which
has arisen while his friends were
driving his car; has held him re-
sponsible, in fact, for the negligent
driving of his friend. Their asto-
nishment, I imagine, will be in-
creased when they learn that a
man may even be made liable to
compensate people who have sus-
tained a loss as a result of a
third party or total stranger inter-
fering with his car and causing
the damage complained of. Yet
such is the fact, as the following
instance clearly shows.

The Parked Car.

The case I refer to (Martin v.
Stanborough) was heard in 1924
and is reported at length in The
Times Law Reports. Briefly the
facts are these: the defendant
was the owner of a six-cylinder
Buick, which was driven by his
chauffeur. About one o'clock one
afternoon early in September he
left the car standing on Marine
Parade in Brighton, in charge of
the chauffeur. Availing himself
of the chance, the chauffeur went
off to get something to eat, but
before doing so made sure that
the hand brake was properly
applied, and in addition placed a
block of wood under the rear
front wheel. In all probability,
had no one interfered with it, he
would have found the car safe and
sound and in exactly the same
position when he returned from
his lunch: at any rate, that was
what he contemplated.

Actually, a small boy about ten
years old climbed into the car and
as a result of his mischievous
tampering it ran backwards down
Portland Place, crossed the pave-
ment and ran into a wall, the rear
wheels mounting the wall and
breaking down about sixteen feet
of the railings. The Court could
not discover what the child did,

but it was evident that he had
been playing with this and that,
for the headlights, which were
turned off when it was left, were
turned on when the car was found.

Moral Insanity.

The boy, it seems, was suffering
from "moral insanity," which
rendered him more mischievous
than other children of his age.

Also it ought to be mentioned
that on a previous occasion the
car had run down Portland Place,
and that probably explains why a
block of wood was placed under the
wheel.

So much for the facts, and upon
them the owner of the wall sought
to recover damages from the owner
of the car.

The County Court judge who
first tried the case found that the
car was left in an unsafe position
and in such a condition that a
mischievous boy might have caused
the accident: that the accident
was caused by the intervention of
the boy, though it was impossible
to find out how he did it, and on
these findings he held the owner of
the car responsible for the damage
it had done. From this decision
the owner appealed, but the
previous decision was upheld.

A Notable Exception.

It must not be assumed, however,
that the Court will hold a man
responsible in every case where
some third party has interfered
with his car and damage has
resulted. Against the case of the
mischievous boy we have that of
the interfering soldiers, where it
was sought to place responsibility
on the owner of a vehicle which
had been interfered with and set
in motion by some soldiers, but the
Court refused to hold the owner
responsible.

In this case the defendants were
the owners of a Foden steam lorry,
which was in charge of one of
their men. At the time of the
accident the lorry was standing
outside a public house while the
man responsible and his com-
panions were putting beer into
the cellar of the public house.
While they were engaged on this
task a soldier climbed on to the
lorry and tried to start it. He
was not, however, able to do this,
but another soldier who was with
him climbed up and by pulling
three different levers did succeed

in getting the lorry going and as
a result injured the plaintiff, who
brought the action against the
owners of the lorry.

Counsel submitted that a person
who was the owner of a thing
which might cause injury to the
public must take precautions to
see that it did not do so. He
must be assumed to know that
among the public were malicious
and mischievous persons, and he
must take care not to afford such
persons the means of causing
damage. In Portsmouth (where
the accident happened), as in a
university town, there were always
persons about ready to play
pranks.

In giving his judgment, Mr.
Justice Avory said that admittedly
the accident would not have hap-
pened but for the intervention of
the soldiers. Was that interven-
tion of such a character that a
reasonable man ought to have
anticipated its happening? In
his opinion it was not right to say

that any reasonable man would
have anticipated it. There was no
evidence that anything of the kind
had happened before. It was, he
added, not the case in which the
intervention of a child had caused
the accident.

From his paragraph of the judg-
ment I think we may draw the
conclusion and answer to the ques-
tion of when a man will be held
responsible for damage which has
resulted owing to the intervention
of a third party. It is when he
ought to have anticipated that
intervention and guarded against
it. Such as in a seaside town,
where there are always children
about looking for mischief to get
into, or a university town where
people are on the look-out for
someone to play a prank on.
Otherwise it would seem he should
be in a position to contest
successfully any action brought
against him for compensation for
the damage done.

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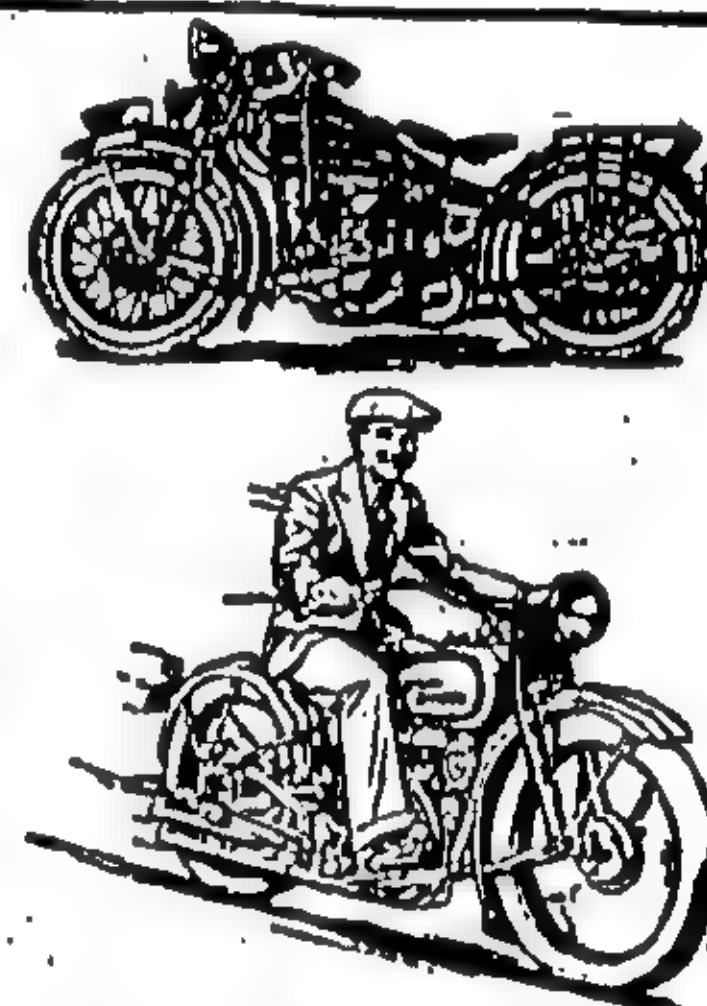
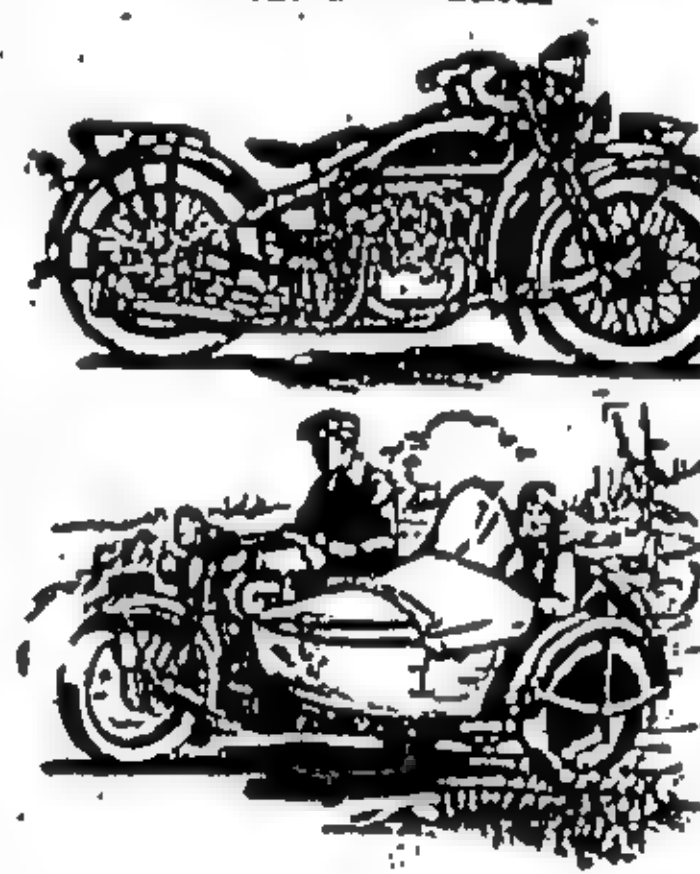
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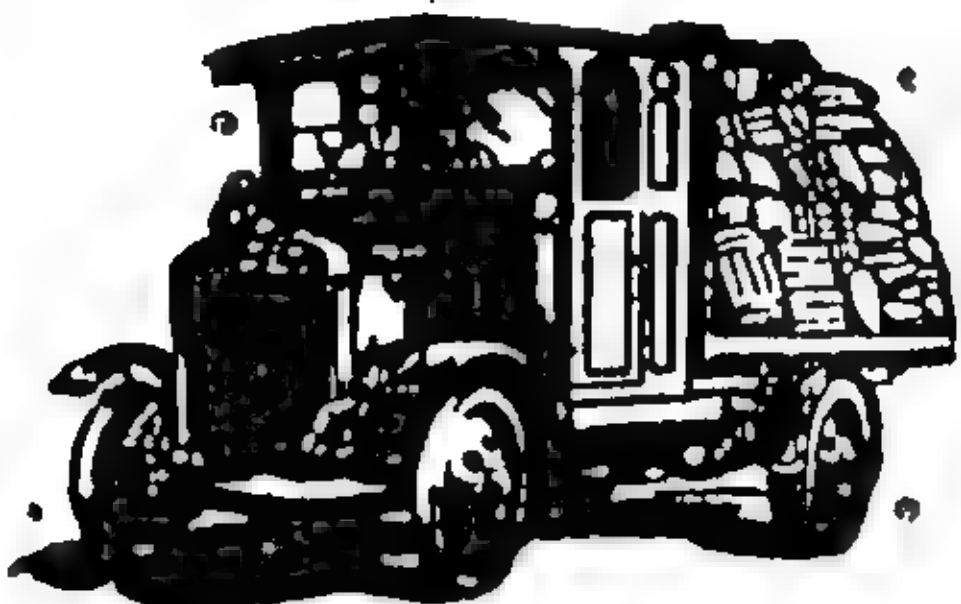
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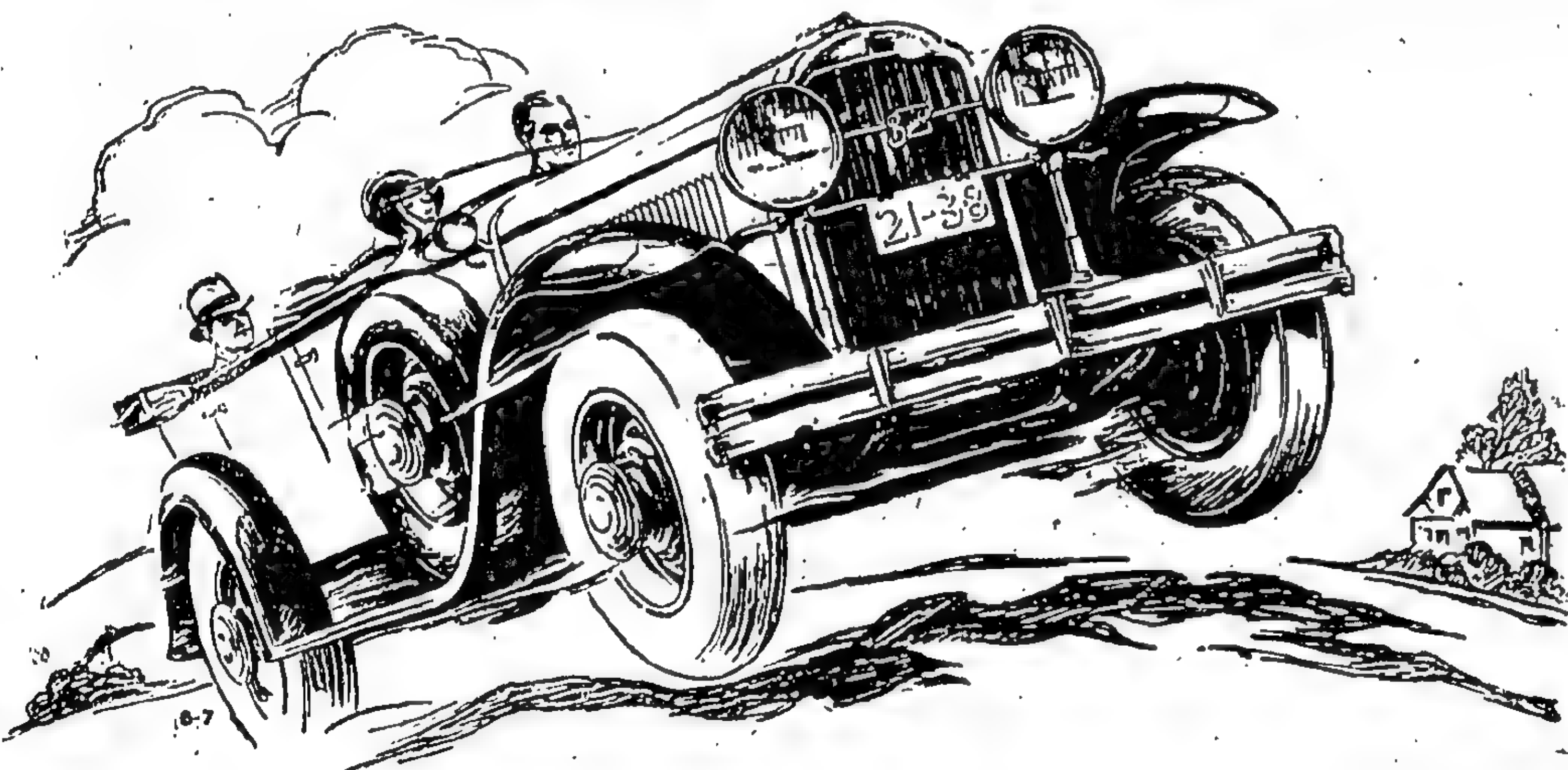
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CROSS-ROAD PUZZLES.

Sir Malcolm Campbell Tackles Problems.

This question of priority at cross-roads is indeed a burning one, yet there seems to be only one view on the matter.

The correspondence which has poured in upon me from readers of *The Daily Mail* since I mentioned the matter proves conclusively that the majority of motorists are strongly in favour of legislation giving the car using the main road the right of way. Any vehicle entering the main highway from a minor thoroughfare would then have the duty of making sure that the coast was clear.

All secondary roads should be clearly marked as such, so as to avoid any possibility of a misunderstanding.

As I have previously pointed out, the Highway Code states that "no vehicle has a right of way at cross-roads, but it is the duty of a driver on a minor road when approaching a major road to go down slowly and to give way to traffic on it."

Minor Roads Should Be Clearly Marked.

In other words, as long as the motorist who wishes to enter the major road does so dead slowly, and as long as he endeavours to give way to any traffic that may be approaching the cross-road on the main thoroughfare, he has complied with the code.

It can be imagined what might happen if two cars using the main road were passing each other at the crossroads when a third car suddenly appeared from a minor road. An accident is bound to occur, and it is most probable that at the inquest it would be stated that one of these cars was being driven at an excessive speed.

But words will not mend broken limbs and if the law had placed the onus of avoiding an accident on the driver entering the main road, it is certain that he would have done so with the greatest possible caution.

In any case, whether the desired law is passed or not, all minor roads should be clearly marked as such, since when driving over strange country it is at times very difficult to know whether one is using a secondary road or not.

The worst type of accident usually occurs at these junctions, and the reason is not hard to

find. Many of these junctions are blind on both sides; until you are level with them it is impossible to see whether a car is about to emerge on to the main road or not.

Priority Signs That Solve the Problem.

Curiously enough, it is far safer to drive past these spots at night than by day, since the driver does get warning when he sees the other car's headlights shining on the road in front of him.

Among the many letters on this subject which I have received, two are of particular interest. Both come from motorists of considerable experience.

Mr. B. Horne, a surveyor of main roads to the Gloucestershire County Council, writes:

I have read your article with very great interest, having motorised almost daily for twenty-eight years, and been making and mending roads for over forty.

You mention that the Highway Code states that no vehicle has a right of way to cross-roads. This is correct only in certain circumstances.

Section 48 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, provides for the erection of priority notices, which may be placed on subsidiary roads, and bear the inscription "Dead Slow." Section 49 makes it an offence to ignore such signs. Consequently the user of major roads takes priority over the user of subsidiary roads.

This is an excellent provision, as it confers practical immunity upon the user of main roads, at the same time placing a serious liability upon the motorist who disregards the sign.

It is to be regretted that more of these priority signs are not erected, and motorists made aware of the fact that it is a serious offence to "more than crawl out" of side roads.

The use of these signs should be adopted throughout Great Britain.

Nothing is more confusing to drivers than a road with a junction in the shape of a Y. Proper classification of these roads is essential. I am continually receiving letters asking which vehicle has the right of way at such junctions.

Another correspondent writes: "I suggest that, at all cross-roads, the roads should be graded 'A' and 'B' according to the volume of traffic normally carried, and that 50 yards from the crossing all 'B' roads should carry a sign incorporating that letter."

It should be made a traffic regulation that in every case the onus of avoiding an accident should lie on the user of the "B" road.

It appears to me that this would, once and for all, settle the question of precedence. It should almost eliminate cross-road accidents, as the user of the "B" road would be in no doubt as to his position,

and caution would be enjoined on him by the knowledge that, should anything happen, he would be "for it," unless he could prove there was gross negligence on the part of the other driver.

It would be most instructive if other readers who are interested would let me have their views on this subject.

Cyclists and Useless Rear Reflectors.

A Twickenham reader declares that of all the dangers of the road the unlighted bicycle is the worst.

This danger becomes acute when we switch off our headlights for oncoming traffic. All motorists must regret the day when the law compelling cyclists to carry a proper rear lamp was altered.

I strongly advise drivers whose cars are not fitted with a dimming or dipping device not to switch off both headlights, for there is grave danger of running down cyclists if they do.

To those motorists who cannot afford to have their headlights converted to dip or dim, I recommend the following: The offside headlamp can be wired to a separate switch, which can be turned off when traffic is approaching.

The angle of the near-side headlamp should be slightly altered so that the light shines more to the left-hand side of the road than it did formerly.

The approaching motorist would then not be inconvenienced by glare, while the left headlight would enable one to see cyclists or pedestrians. The cost of the alteration is only a few shillings.

Many motorists will have wondered why there are occasions when their lights do not pick out a cyclist's rear reflector until they are practically on top of him, and yet at other times these reflectors can be seen a long distance ahead.

I mentioned this recently to the chairman of one of our largest cycle factories, and he told me that this is due solely to the quality of the reflector. He says he insists on high-grade reflectors for all his machines, and suggests that there should be a standard which these accessories should reach before they are accepted as complying with the law.

Cyclists should also be made to keep their reflectors clean enough to be visible, just as every motorist has to do with his number plates.

I have no wish to make the lot of the cyclist an unhappy one, but the fraternity has been the cause of many fatal accidents. The motorist must insure against third party risks, but there is no such obligation upon the cyclist. If he is responsible for an accident the motorist has no chance of obtaining compensation.

Moreover, the cyclist pays no road tax, so the least he can do is to refrain from imperilling other people and himself.

Island Lights—Red, Green or Orange?

I recently suggested that the protection posts fitted on either side of street refuges should be illuminated at night.

Several correspondents point out that if a red lamp is used for this

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M.G. Midget and a Marsh.

The Morris Depot in Buenos Aires has received the following letter from the satisfied owner of a M.G. Midget 2-seater model:

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"I recognise that this engine has been designed to run over tracks or very good roads, but I must say that on muddy roads this engine pulled wonderfully well, carrying three persons, three rifles and 1,500 cartridges at the rear.

"I will describe an incident I experienced on the way. About four or five kilometres from the town of Arceifes the road became even worse, as it had just been filled in. Under these conditions we followed on for about 30 kilometres until our way was obstructed by a large bog (200 yards in length), in which several cars had stuck. We were advised not to pass; or if we should attempt to, first tie a horse to our car to help us out.

I consulted with my friends and on considering the results we had obtained on heavy and muddy roads, we decided to go through without assistance. I got out to cover the radiator with a sack, and then putting on first speed, we faced the bog. We had only another 10 metres to go, but a car obstructed the track. Those watching our manoeuvres thought that if we stopped we would not be able to start off again. However, I put into first gear again, turned and accelerated and came out of the bog easily. From the other side of the swamp we were cheered.

Accelerating my car, I started for Buenos Aires, covering the distance in a really good time considering the road conditions."

purpose it might be mistaken for the tail lamp of another car.

One reader quotes an instance of this, and says he escaped an accident only because he was able to swerve to the wrong side of the road. Fortunately there was no traffic in the opposite direction at the time.

Most of my correspondents suggest green lights. I agree that red is undesirable, but I think there are objections to green also. It would probably be better if orange lights were used.

Locked Doors Are Dangerous in Frost.

I have warned owners of closed cars against the danger of driving with locked doors. I was then writing on the peril of fire, but frost provides another menace.

A skid is more probable on ice-coated roads, and no one can tell where a skid will end. You may want to get out in a hurry, and the door by which you entered may no longer be the best way out. So never drive with car doors locked.



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It is now possible to make a broad survey of the position regarding the new cars for 1932 and to give some idea of what the general tendencies for this year are, how the new cars differ from existing patterns, what improvements have been made to render enhanced service and comfort.

As regards chassis, it is evident that, with a few exceptions, the popular, well-tried designs of 1931 will be retained, modified here and there as experience dictates. In view of the national and international state of trade and industry, it is obvious that the motoring public is more than ever interested in small and medium-sized vehicles which are of moderate first cost, and which are extremely economical in running costs, writes A. G. Douglas Cleave to the "Autocar." Accordingly, it is not surprising that there should be a number of new "nines" with four-cylinder engines and new small "sixes" of about 12 h.p. These new designs, however, mostly follow what has come to be regarded as the accepted practice of the manufacturers concerned.

It is, however, in coachwork that the greatest changes are to be seen. While at first sight the new cars may appear to be very like the current models, a closer examination will show many improvements. In general, the new bodies are appreciably roomier, greater width having been given, and, in many cases, greater head room is also provided, although the latter is not apparent until one sits in the new cars, for a low-built appearance has been achieved either by reason or by paying attention to the general proportions of the complete vehicle. One has only to compare the new model with existing types to realise also that albeit but, nevertheless, well-defined

changes in line are also being made. There is a tendency to employ more sweeping curves; not only in the main panels of the bodies, but also in the wings, and to some extent this seems to be due to the growing use of pressed steel, either in the form of all-steel bodies or composite bodies consisting largely of steel pressings mounted on a wood frame.

Greater Attention Paid to Appearance.

Appearance is, in fact, being studied more than ever before, for it is being realised that in these days it is frequently appearance that sells a car. It is not suggested that performance does not count, especially with discriminating motorists, but any car must, in these times, necessarily have a performance which comes up to the average for its class, and when so many manufacturers are producing cars of good quality it is factors such as appearance and service after sales that are taken into account when prospective purchasers are making their choice. Greater attention is, therefore, being paid to the appearance of the new cars, not only when viewed from the side, but when seen from the front or rear.

Thus radiator design and the mounting of lamps and horn are being considered in relation to the car as a whole, which is, of course, as it should be. Too often in the past has it seemed that a radiator has been designed with its own appearance borne in mind, but without its effect on the complete vehicle having been properly realised. The result may have been fairly attractive, but there are well-known cases where the radiator has been so high in relation to the position of the driver that his view of the road has been far from ideal.

Rear views also have been considered, and the tendency to secure a clean, unbroken back portion extending down over the rear dumb irons and spring shackles is undoubtedly spreading. In these days of spring shackles or with metal bushes adequately lubricated by a centralised system, there is no reason why the underpart of a car should be exposed to view in the interests of accessibility. Access to brake adjustments and shock absorbers must, of course, be retained, but can usually be provided without difficulty.

Harmonious Units Rather than Sectional Parts.

One result of these new lines is that bodies and chassis are tending more than ever to appear as one harmonious unit rather than two distinct portions. Deep body sills, eliminating the necessity for valance, are, of course, now almost universal, but while at one time running boards tended to disappear they are now retained, as they serve a secondary purpose in helping the wings to protect the car from mud in wet weather. Even when close-fitting wings are used short running boards are still found an advantage from this point of view.

It is noteworthy that in the case of two well-known popular cars, Morris and Rover, the peakless or military front has been adopted. This has gradually been growing in popularity on custom-built bodies for some time, but its adoption on standard models listed by the manufacturers is a matter worthy of comment. Whether it is an improvement or not, as regards appearance, depends entirely upon the general design of the car as a whole, but it certainly tends to give more light in the interior of a closed car. In fact, it is frequently found desirable with such a front to have a screen to protect the driver's eyes from dazzle, and this should not, of course, take the form of an external visor or the lines of the car are liable to suffer in consequence.

Cloth-covered panels which lie close under the roof lining when not in use, and which, when required, can be swung down by a touch of the figure, are a simple method of overcoming this disadvantage. In this connexion it may also be remarked that there is a growing tendency, although a slight one, to use fixed wind-screens which do not open. After all, it is seldom one requires to

open a screen, even on the hottest day. Fixed screens may possibly be a disadvantage when weather conditions are such that a fog is experienced with low temperatures. The fog then freezes as it deposits moisture on the screen, and it is quite beyond the capabilities of the windscreen wiper to deal with it. Happily, such occurrences are rare, and one would hardly hesitate to buy a car with a fixed screen on the remote chance of encountering such extreme weather conditions.

There seems no doubt that the four-door body has definitely come back into favour. There will be plenty of close-coupled two-door designs, but such cars are rightly regarded as two-seaters with occasional accommodation for an additional two passengers. Close coupled designs which are intended to carry four or five persons are now usually provided with four doors.

Brighter, or, at any rate, more pleasing and attractive, colour schemes will also be a feature of the 1932 models. In many cases very wide ranges of colour combinations are offered, which is a distinct advancement from the days when there were few choices beyond "any desired shade of black," as the old joke regarding a certain popular car had it. With growing experience in the application of cellulose, manufacturers are also offering a quality of finish which is infinitely superior to that of a year or two ago. Even the least expensive of coachwork can now, and should, be turned out with a gloss and smoothness of finish which would not disgrace a custom-built body. Moreover, the durability of the finish, given reasonable attention, is beyond criticism.

It is, doubtless, largely due to the manner in which modern cellulose finish retains its smart appearance that the fabric body has declined in favour. There are still many who like a fabric body, but it is beyond question that to keep such bodies from becoming shabby in say, two years, a considerable amount of care and attention is necessary.

Minor Ranger of "Standard Specialised Bodies."

One important tendency in a matter of trade policy has a great bearing on the subject of 1932 coachwork. It is that certain chassis manufacturers have seen the success of bodybuilders who have concentrated on producing

A HOLE IN ONE.



attractive special models on popular chassis, and are co-operating with them. Thus to the standard range of models listed by the manufacturers there is added what may be termed a subsidiary range of "standardised special bodies." In a way, "a standardised special body" seems a contradictory term, but by it is meant a body produced not in ones or twos at a high price, but in quantities which make its production possible at a competitive price.

Co-operation in the production of such bodies between manufacturers and bodybuilders means that many motorists who hanker for "something different" can have their wishes met, or partly met, whereas the manufacturer alone could not possibly offer them anything but standardised designs. The position may be defined by saying that standardised designs appeal to the many, while the designs of the specialist body constructors appeal to the few.

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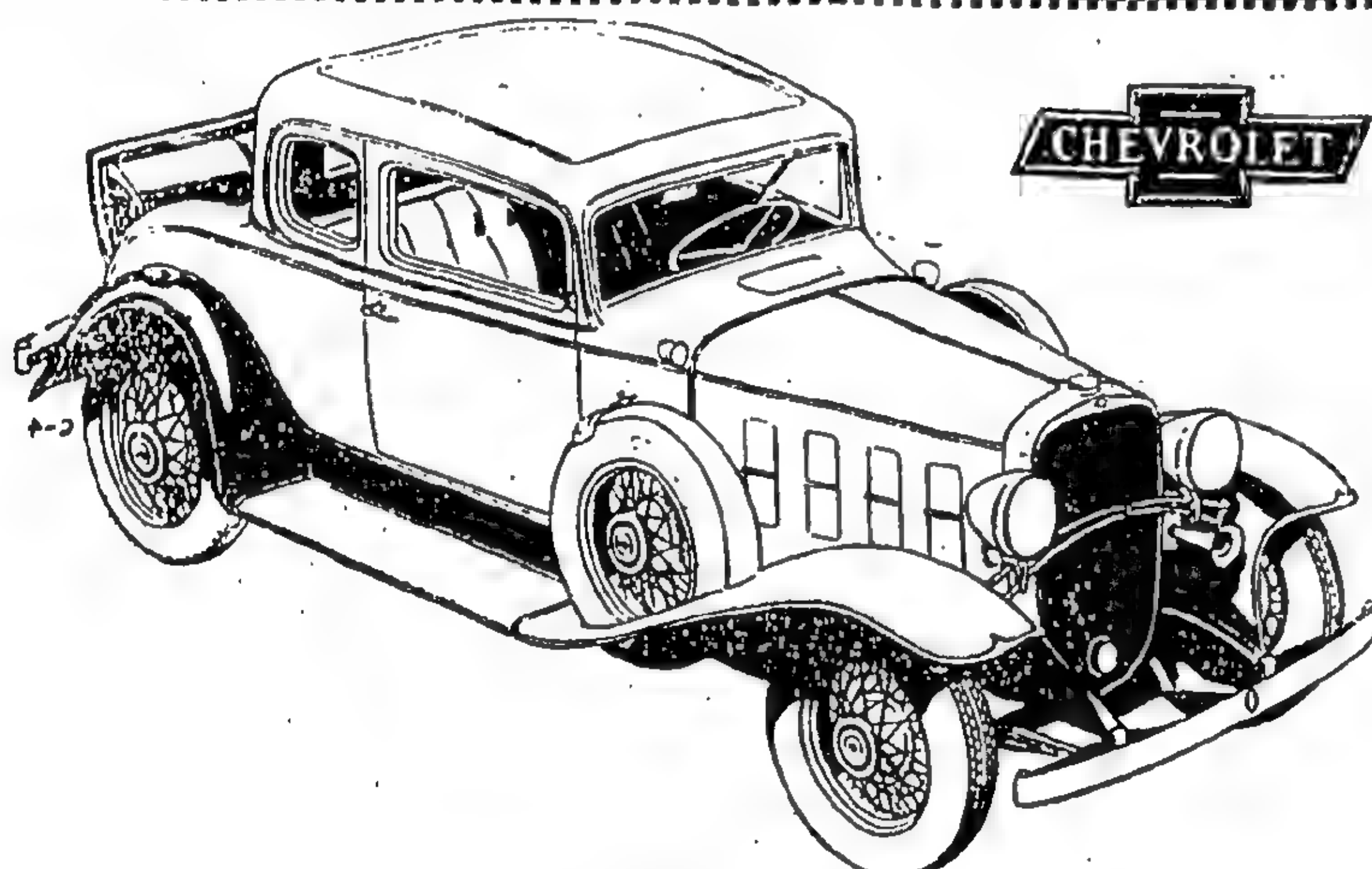
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BOMB DROPS ON RACE STABLE.

HUNDREDS OF PONIES EVACUATED.

People of Shanghai have now become accustomed to the sight of a continual stream of refugees pouring in from the fighting areas. But the sight of hundreds upon hundreds of ponies wending their way through the Settlement struck an entirely unfamiliar note. A few days ago they could be seen walking in single file—a file so long that it seemed to be never-ending. They also had been forced to leave their comfortable homes, and each one carried his blankets on his back. They also knew not whence they were going nor where they would be able to get shelter and their next meal.

The majority of the ponies were the property of well-known Chinese owners who race on a large scale, and the possibility of a prospective Derby winner being hit by a shell was not a pleasant one. In view of these facts, the International Recreation Club decided to order an evacuation of all ponies.

In the Nick of Time.

Little did they realize as they walked calmly through Shanghai what a narrow escape they had had. They got out just in the nick of time. Soon after the ponies had departed from the danger zone a bomb, said to have been dropped by one of the Japanese planes, demolished eight stables; four stables in the first block, and four in the fourth block within the compound. Luck was theirs, for when the bomb was dropped the stables had already been deserted, and none of the ponies was hurt.

The finding of stables for such a vast number of ponies at such

short notice presented a very difficult problem. The I.R.C. and the Chinese Jockey Club found the Shanghai Race Club ready to assist them in every possible way. Most of the big Chinese owners, glad to see their precious race ponies still safe and sound immediately took charge of their animals, and they were put into hurriedly erected mat sheds.

Five hundred are being sent to the Loong Fui Live Stock premises at Gordon Road. The Great Western Riding School are also stabling a great number of the refugee ponies. The Shanghai Race Club is arranging to build about 500 stalls on vacant land close to the Club.

According to a statement made by Mr. Y. S. Day, Secretary of the International Recreation Club, all the ponies that have been evacuated will be under cover in a day or two.

Crowd at Race Track.

In view of this sudden influx of ponies into Shanghai, it is interesting to recall a recent calculation that was made of the number of ponies which are daily exercised on the Shanghai Race course in one morning. There are now an additional eight or nine hundred ponies to be exercised. With conditions as they are at present, there is practically no open space for riding except the Race Course track. To say that the latter will be somewhat overcrowded is putting it mildly.

As soon as the refugees from Kiangwan have recovered from their hurried flight to safety, they will require exercise. Before long, then, the Race Course will be used by well over a thousand ponies; many of them have had their training interrupted by their recent exile. They will no doubt soon be resuming their training activities, and galloping mornings at the Race Club will be worth going to see.

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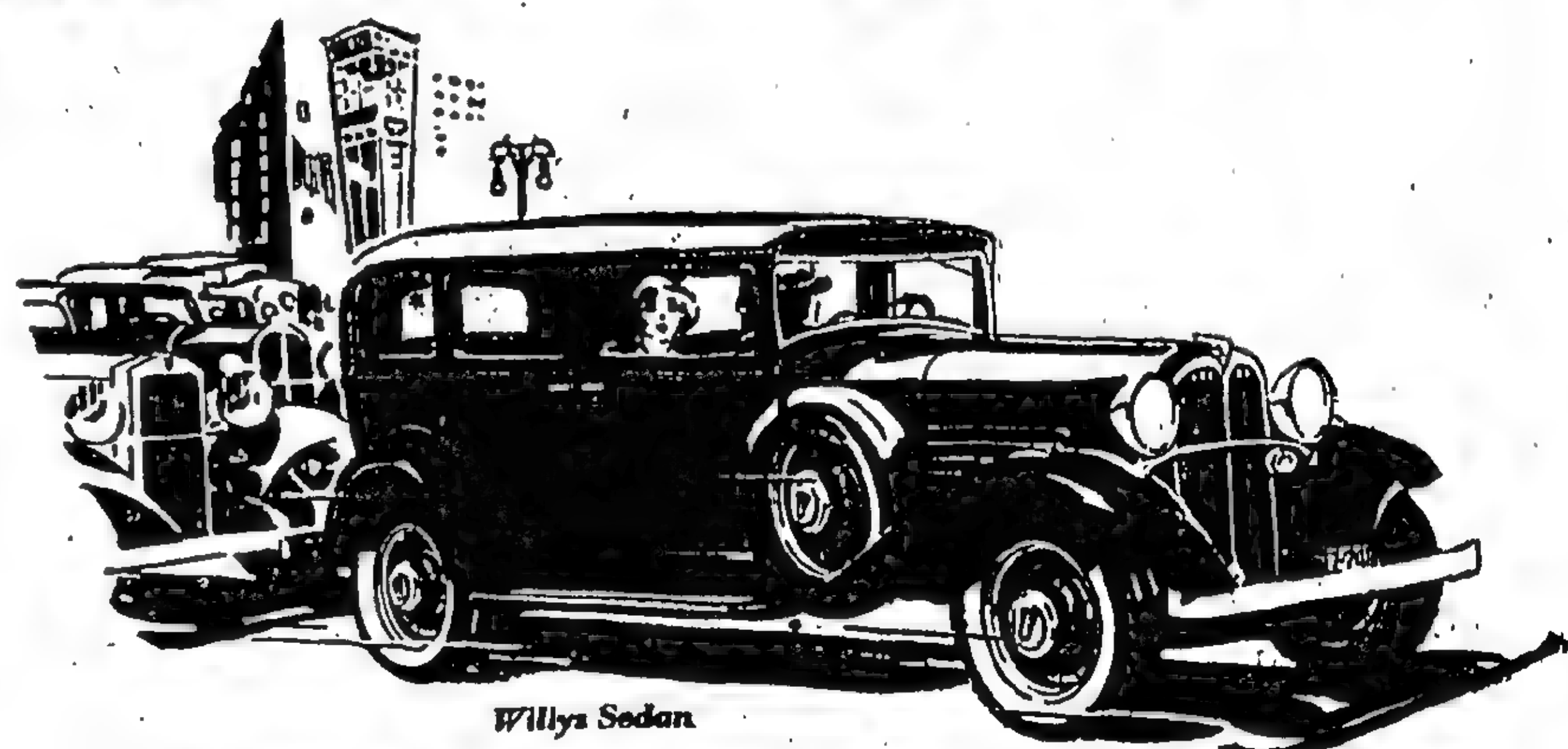
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PROFITEERING IN GOLD.

QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Feb. 9.
The recent profiteering in gold, in view of the rise in the price of the precious metal, formed the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer was

asked if any steps would be taken to prevent further profiteering in gold coins.

In reply, Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared that the number of such coins in private hands was insufficient to justify special legislation. He added, however, that the holders of gold coins would best serve the public interest by paying them into a bank or post office with a view to their transmission to the Bank to England.

Bullion Brokers' Action.

Meanwhile, it is announced in the City to-day that four leading bullion brokers are prepared to purchase gold sovereigns at a premium of 37 per cent. with a view, it is understood, to exporting them.

Since the value of gold fell, profiteering in the yellow metal has involved not only gold coins, but also old false teeth, ear-rings, spectacles and other articles.



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DRAMATIC LEAGUE APPEAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the genesis of the question of all evils in the Far East and all our grievances and come to the fact that China is not an organized country. Here we have to do, what it is painful to say, but unfortunately true, with a country involved in a state of civil war and a state of complete anarchy. If we had to do with a civilized State, our whole conduct would have been different. We should have gone to arbitration or sought some other means of finding a peaceful solution.

CHINA IN PIECES.

When China was admitted to the League thirteen years ago, China was administered and organized, but since then she has gone to pieces. Civil war broke out. Generals fought each other and it was impossible for the country to protect foreign nationals. Thus other Powers have also been, from time to time, obliged to have recourse to means for protection which would not be necessary in a civilized State. If we are condemned for aggressive acts to-day, it would be necessary to condemn the similar acts of other Powers against China.

OTHERS POWERS.

The Council must show how they the similar acts of other Powers before us. The other Powers found this the only means because the League could not apply the Covenant in all its bearings in the case of China. Our only purpose is to protect our interests. A withdrawal from Shanghai would be a renunciation of all our rights in China which no government could face. Mr. Sato proceeded to quote figures showing that Japan occupied the third position in the import and export trade of Shanghai. We have had to defend our rights.

MEMBERS' PROTEST.

At the League meetings, we could find no support for the protection of a legitimate interests. (Considerable murmuring followed this remark and the President had to rap upon the table for order). The Council, went on Mr. Sato, should know how to find an adequate and effective means to provide a solution according to the realities of the situation. "We have not yet received any reply from my Government in regard to the League's appeal," he pointed out.

TACHUNG AUTONOMY.

Mr. Sato then referred to the proclamation of an independent State in Manchuria, because, he said, he would not have another opportunity before the meeting of the Assembly of treating with these matters. He said it was first necessary to explain that the word independent had a different meaning in the Far East and the British, French and American conception. Independence was really autonomy. Japan had helped and sympathized with the movement because she had suffered so much in Manchuria. She saw in the declaration of autonomy the solution of her troubles, enabling her to live in peace and develop her interests. Japan could not accept any regime endangering her immense capital investments.

WHEN—

When Central China is once again reorganised, perhaps Manchuria will come to an arrangement so as to enter into relations, but this is a question for the future. Mr. Sato went on: "When we agreed to the resolution of September 30 last, we fully intended to withdraw our troops within the Railway Zone as agreed, but the situation developed so rapidly and unexpectedly and so extraordinarily, that the conditions were quite altered."

THE BOYCOTT.

Dealing with the boycott, Mr. Sato referred to the troubles resulting from Japan's surplus population and the difficulty of getting her emigrants anywhere. America and Africa were closed to her. She had tried to effect a great improvement before the Council thirteen years ago, but she found everywhere closed doors and the Japanese were now being driven from China and their trade ruined. We have no territorial ambitions in Manchuria. We could have annexed Manchuria after the Russo-Japanese War, but we refused it to China although she was a secret ally of Russia.

FREE FIELD.

What we really want is a free field for the Japanese, respecting the principles of the Open Door, with peace and an orderly ad-

ministration, where we can exploit the vast and rich territory side by side.

We cannot give way there. It is a question of life and death for us. The League protested against the disappearance from the Chinese map of Outer Mongolia? Yet it is gone for us. Before condemning us for our actions in Manchuria, although we protest our innocence of territorial ambitions, the Council must investigate the case of Outer Mongolia.

SHANGHAI.

In regard to Shanghai, said Mr. Sato, we have only one desire, namely to defend ourselves. As soon as our interests are safeguarded, we are prepared to withdraw, leaving the protection of our interests to neutral forces.

MR. YEN'S OUTBURST.

Mr. Yen rising to reply, said he understood why Mr. Sato had taken up so much of the Council's time, seeing that only a few hours were left before the ultimatum expired to-night. Nevertheless he must reply to Mr. Sato's insulting remarks. It was a lie, to describe China as in a state of chaos and anarchy. Mr. Sato talked about well-organized government, but he comes from a country where the navy and army are running amuck. Is that organized government? He remarked that the Soviet's seizure of Outer Mongolia occurred before the League was constituted and it was therefore absurd to suggest that the League could take up the matter.

INCONSISTENCY.

"I must point out the inconsistency of Japan, which while saying that there is no Chinese Government, and no organized State, yet insists upon negotiating with this disorganised State, and will not submit the question to the good offices of the League Council."

If China appears disturbed and disorganised by civil trouble, this is much due to the Japanese intrigue. Japan has subsidised first one party and then another, each against the other.

DISORDER SOUGHT.

Here we see the difference in the aims of Japan and other Powers. The other Powers have tried to protect China, while Japan has always encouraged disorder and disunion. China, he continued, was never more united than it was to-day. Generals who once fought together were now conferring in one room against the aggressor.

What sort of protection did Japan ask of the League, occupying 200,000 square miles of our country, and bombing Shanghai and Nanking. To suggest that she asked the protection of the League is absurd.

Mr. Yen finally appealed to the Council to make clear what they were going to do to stop the bloodshed which was due to begin in four hours.

HEARD IT BEFORE.

"I want the Council to take a decision." "Japan gave an assurance that she had no territorial ambitions, but we heard the same thing before in regard to Korea which is now part of the Japanese Empire."

Mr. Sato rose to deny that the Japanese had encouraged disorder and agitation in China. Japan, he said, only sought peace and order. It was incredible that Japan should stir up disorder. Mr. Paul Boncour made an eloquent appeal to Mr. Sato to delay the expiration of the ultimatum in order to have a possibility of reaching a settlement. Mr. Boncour said they had decided to convene the Assembly, but nothing said by Mr. Sato would be overlooked. "When we addressed our appeal to Japan, the Council was mindful of the great strength, moral and military, of Japan, but also mindful that it belonged to you to stop hostilities, seeing that you were on Chinese soil. We made a unilateral appeal because Japan is a powerful country, great from every viewpoint."

THREAT OF BATTLE.

"We are now confronted with a threat of a great battle. We note the Japanese declaration in respect of Article X. Is there not a contradiction in his declaration that the Japanese propose to retire from what may be a great battlefield? He suggests a solution when he says she is prepared afterwards to hand over to neutral forces. I urge, with the deepest conviction, that Japan should delay the expiry of the ultimatum, and do what service she can in the service of humanity and the League."

Lord Londonderry, on behalf of Britain, associated himself with Mr. Boncour's remarks. He said a dangerous situation was developing of which it was impossible to exaggerate the gravity. "The appeal to Japan contains no indictment, and no judgment," added

Lord Londonderry, who endorsed the appeal that the ultimatum may be deferred in order to avert the impending catastrophe.

STILL HOPING.

Lord Londonderry added: "I have not lost hope that the negotiations which Britain, with other Governments, has been and is still promoting on the spot will be crowned with success."

The Italian representative warmly supported the appeal, being followed in a similar sense by the German and Spanish delegates. The latter asked where the peace of the world and the Covenant were going. Mr. Sato said only one thing was possible—the cessation of firing must come from both sides. "The Council," he said, "should appeal with equal force to the nationals facing our forces."

APPEALS.

M. Boncour said he hoped Mr. Sato would telegraph by the quickest possible means, adding "If we appealed to Japan first, it was because the ultimatum came from Japan and depended on Japan, but we are prepared to address an appeal of equal energy and equal pressure to both countries if the ultimatum can be held up." Continuing M. Boncour asked the Governments represented at Shanghai to send messages of appeal, with the hope of holding up the ultimatum. He then read the Council's resolution. An important point in the resolution is that the Council will continue to work for the maintenance of peace, unaffected by the decision to refer the question to the Assembly.

The session of the Council was one of the longest as well as one of the most dramatically moving ever held. Even the impassive and imperturbable Mr. Sato seemed stirred from his usual impassivity, and, when replying to M. Boncour's appeal, was obviously labouring under a deep sense of responsibility.

ANXIOUS NIGHT.

Mr. Yen, looking pale and tired, was busily engaged taking notes, but he made no further attempt to reply.

As M. Boncour said, "This will be an anxious night for Geneva as well as for Shanghai." All the members of the Council, one by one, with their eyes on the clock which was ticking away the minutes to the fateful hour, endorsed M. Boncour's appeal. Mr. Sato then addressed the Council. He said he had listened with emotion to the President's appeal, which had been endorsed by the other members. He realised the anxiety especially of those countries with nationals in the Far East.

PAINFUL POSITION.

"I regret the circumstances which have brought about their anxiety," he said. "In this respect, I understand your desire for peace. If peace can be preserved in these circumstances, I would be delighted and would welcome the mediation of the Powers with direct interests in the Far East. I shall transmit your appeals to my Government." Mr. Sato said he regretted that a similar pressing appeal was addressed to China. "We are in a painful position in Shanghai. If we retire, it will mean that Japan abdicates from a situation won by such effort and energy. If the Council advises complete retirement, it will be impossible for me to transmit this request to my Government."

RESOLUTION TEXT.

The text of the resolution adopted by the Council follows: "The Council, firstly, considering the request submitted by the representative of China under a sub-provision of paragraph nine of Article XV of the Covenant to the effect that the Sino-Japanese dispute should be referred to the Assembly, it is decided that the same dispute is referred to the Assembly in accordance with Article XV, paragraph Nine, of the Covenant." "Secondly, considering that the delegations of almost every member of the League are now present at Geneva in order to participate in the conference for the limitation and reduction of armaments, thereby enabling the Assembly to meet at short notice, the Council decided that a meeting of the Assembly shall be held on March 3.

"Thirdly, noting the measures already instituted to obtain information for the consideration of the dispute, requests the parties to the dispute to use all diligence in communicating to the Assembly, statements of their case, with all the relative facts and papers, as provided under Article Fifteen, paragraph Two. "The duty of the Council to continue its work for the maintenance of peace in accordance with the Covenant, remains unaffected by the present decision."

The manslaughter case, in which a lorry driver named Wong Kam-leung is charged, was again mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning. Another remand was applied for and granted.

AERODROME FEES.

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RADIO LICENSES.

FAILURE OF OWNERS TO RENEW FOR 1932.

A reminder that radio fans must renew their licenses for the current year was given in the Central Police Court yesterday when the Postmaster General, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, prosecuted a number of owners before Mr. Wynne Jones for failing to have licenses for their sets.

In the first case mentioned, Mr. J. G. Pengelly, of 82, Morrison Hill Road, pleaded guilty but made a statement in extenuation. He said that he had had a license for two years and it was really a case of failing to renew. He had received a letter from the wireless people informing him that licenses were due for renewal on December 31, but from that time to the present he had been very busy in the Naval Yard, working as late as 9 p.m. each day and he had not time to get a license.

Mr. Hamilton said that he was quite prepared to admit a certain amount of what Mr. Pengelly had said but of course Mr. J. Key the Wireless Inspector also had work to do. There was no reason why Mrs. Pengelly could not have got the license. The defendant replied that his wife had been busy taking care of a baby, and the radio office was not the place for a woman to wait about in with a baby. In imposing a fine of \$5, his Worship pointed out that the defendant could have sent his license by post. The defendant remarked that he had not thought of using the post.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME.

11.00-12.15 p.m. Relay of Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.15-2.00 p.m. Chinese Recorded Programme.
2.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.
2.30 p.m. Close Down.
8.00-10.00 p.m. European Programme.
8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.50 p.m.
Programme of Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Tang Fook Piano Co.
Fra Diavolo-Overture (Auber).
Victor Symphony Orchestra. 22008.
Fugue in C Minor (Bach).
Fantasia in C Minor (Bach).
Marcel Dupre (Organist). 9284.
The Swallows (Dole-Acqua).
Darwin Bowen, Jr. (Boy Soprano). 35847.
Southern Roses (Johann Strauss).
Blue Danube (Johann Strauss).
Arthur Pryor's Band. 35799.
Offertories—Ad Te Levavi.
Mediator.
Antiphon-Montes Gelbe-Offertory.
Custodi Me.
Monks Choir of Saint-Pierre de Solesmes Abbey. 7346.
La Boheme-Fantasia (Puccini).
Victor Symphony Orchestra. 35871.
8.50-10.00 p.m.
Instrumental Concert from the Studio.
Miss L. Pecker (Piano) Mr. F. Gonzalez (Violin) and Mr. L. Sente (Cello).
Programme.

1. Mozart Trio in B Flat.
(a) Allegro.
(b) Adagio.
(c) Rondeau Tempo di menuetto.
2. Cesar Franck Sonata for Violin and Piano.
(a) Allegretto Moderato.
(b) Allegro.
(c) Allegretto Poco Mosso.
3. Arensky Trio.
(a) Allegro Moderato.
(b) Scherzo.
10.00 p.m. Close Down.

RADIO BROADCAST

COMMENTARY ON TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL MATCH.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres (845 K.C.s).
4.00-5.00 p.m. (approx.). A Running Commentary on the Football Match between the Kowloon Football Club and the Hongkong Football Club from the Kowloon Football Club Field, by kind permission of the Kowloon Football Club and the Football Association.
5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7.00-11.30 p.m. European Programme of Columbia and Regal Records.
7.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc.
7.03-7.30 p.m. Orchestral.

The Planets (Gustav Holst) "Mars" (The Bringer of War) "Venus" (The Bringer of Peace) "Uranus" (The Mystic).
Played by the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Gustav Holst. L1628-L1409-L1509.

8.00 p.m. (Local Time and Weather Report).
7.30-8.08 p.m. Variety.
Song-The New Moon-The Girl on the Moor.
Vocal Duet-The New Moon-Wanting You.
Evelyn Laye and Howard Worster. 9572.
Humorous Sketch-Buying a Gun.
Harry Gratian and Horace Fox. 9576.

Vocal Duet-The Girl Across the Way.
Vocal Duet-Love and Kisses.
Mr. Flotsum and Mr. Jetsam with Piano. 5012.
Scotch Song-The Widdie o' Mary Maclean.
Scotch Song-The Spirit of a Man from Aberdeen.
Will Fyffe (Comedian). DX278.

8.08-8.33 p.m. Octets.
Echoes of the Ball (Willoughby).
Love's Dream after the Ball (Cibulka arr. Willoughby).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. DB598.
Traume (Dreams) (Wagner arr. Willoughby).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. DX20.

The Bohemian Girl-Then You'll Remember Me (Balle arr. Sear).
Marianne-Scenes that Are Brightest (Wallace arr. Sear).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9107.
8.33-9.00 p.m. Band Selections.
Goliwog's Cake Walk (Debussy).
Dance of the Tumbler (Rimsky-Korsakov arr. O'Donnell).
B. B. C. Wireless Military Band. 9744.

Marche Slav (Tchaikovsky).
Trotting the Colour (Descriptive).
The Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. DX59-DX44.

9.00-9.30 p.m. Operatic.
Song-Norma-Dehl Non Volete Vittime (Bellini).
Iva Pechetli (Soprano). LB1.
Orchestral-The Magic Flute Overture (Mozart).
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Symphony Orch. L1001R.

Song-The Barber of Seville-Share I Tell Thee the Name of Thy Lover! (Rossini).
Heddie Nash (Soprano).
Orchestral-The Wreckers-Overture (Dame Ethel Smyth).
The British Symphony Orchestra conducted by the Composer. DX287.

9.30-11.30 p.m. Dance Music.
Fox Trot-This is the Missus.
Fox Trot-Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries. MR447.
Fox Trot-Moonlight Madness. 5485.
Waltz-Good Night.
Fox Trot-Sweet and Lovely.
Fox Trot-You Forgot Your Gloves. MR446.

Fox Trot-Rhymes.
Fox Trot-Jolly Good Company. MR449.
Waltz-When It's Night Time in Nevada.
Fox Trot-My Heart is Where the Mohawk Flows To-night. MR445.
Fox Trot-Glaze Your Eyes.
Fox Trot-That's Why Darkies Were Born. MR452.
Fox Trot-Tom Thumb's Drum.
Fox Trot-Starlight Serenade.

Waltz-Live, Laugh and Love.
Fox Trot-Just Once for All Time. MR466.
Fox Trot-I'd Like my Baby's Eyes.
Fox Trot-All on Account of Your Kisses. MR464.
Tango-Neath the Spell of Monte Carlo.
Fox Trot-Over the Blue. MR465.
Fox Trot-The Lonesome Road. CB03.
Fox Trot-There's Nothing too Good for my Baby.
Fox Trot-Yes Yes Yes. MR467.
Fox Trot-My Golden Baby. CB385.
Waltz-Kiss me Goodnight.
Fox Trot-All Hail to the Camel. MR443.
Fox Trot-Joe the Clown.
Fox Trot-On a Cold and Frosty Morning. CB382.

Fox Trot-Nobody's Sweetheart.
Fox Trot-After You've Gone. 2698-D.
Waltz-I Wonder Who's Under the Moon with You To-night.
Waltz-Save the Last Dance for Me. 2670-D.
Fox Trot-When You Were My Sweetheart and I Was the Kid Next Door.
Fox Trot-You're Driving Me Crazy. CB222.
Fox Trot-Soldier on the Shelf.
Fox Trot-Cupid on the Cake. CB170.

Waltz-When the Rest of the Crowd Goes Home.
Waltz-Tell me With a Love Song. 2566-D.
10.30 p.m. (approx.). Rugby Mid-day Press News.
11.30 p.m. Close Down.

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A LOSS TO RUGBY.

MR. B. P. MASSEY LEAVING
THE COLONY.

Mr. B. P. Massey, who has figured prominently in local rugby circles for some years past, is leaving the Colony to-day to take up an appointment in Singapore where he has been transferred.

At the extraordinary meeting held at the Hongkong Football Club last evening the members took advantage of the opportunity to present to Mr. Massey a silver clock as a mark of their appreciation of the services he had rendered during his stay in Hongkong.

In making the presentation Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (President) said that that was the third occasion in three weeks that he had to make a presentation. One gentleman had, to their sorrow, left the Colony while the other had entered into the bonds of matrimony, which gave them pleasure. Mr. Massey was now leaving. He was one of their foremost members and had rendered invaluable services to the club. As a rugby forward he had been an example to others by his keenness and leadership and they would miss him very much when he left.

During the latter part of last season they had missed him greatly, but they were glad to see he had recovered from his accident. They hoped that he would be able to resume active rugby again.

The chairman wished Mr. Massey would make as many friends in Singapore as he had made in Hongkong, and that he would be appreciated by them as much as he had been appreciated by his friends in Hongkong. (Applause.)

In thanking members for the beautiful gift, Mr. Massey said that what time he had been able to give to the club had been freely given and he would not like to work for any other club more than for the Hongkong Football Club. He wished the club success in the future. Especially did he hope that the soccer team would regain its predominant position and that the rugby action would continue the great strides it had been making during the past year.

The gathering dispersed after singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

MAMAK HOCKEY.

RESULTS OF MATCHES IN
LOCAL COMPETITION.

Playing in the Mamak Hockey Competition on Thursday the Radio Sports Club were surprisingly defeated by the Police by two goals to one, thus suffering their first reverse in the competition.

Last evening St. Andrew's Club met the R.A.S.C. at Sookumpoo and won by three goals to nil, whilst the Central British Association won against the Royal Corps of Signals by the only goal of the match.

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H. OWEN HUGHES ENTERS
THIRD ROUND.

Ho Ka-lau and T. Akiyama figured among yesterday's winners in the open singles tennis championship which was continued at the Hongkong Cricket Club. The former played cleverly to dispose of E. Zimmermann in straight sets, while Akiyama completely outplayed R. Gremillet, the French player.

British representation in the third round was increased as a result of H. Owen Hughes' success over Sai Wai-liang and R. B. Hamblin's walk-over against Szeto Pick.

Results:
Luk Ding-cheung beat Feroz Ali, 6-1, 6-3.
H. Lukring beat R. R. Todd, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Ho Ka-lau beat E. Zimmermann, 6-1, 6-1.
T. Akiyama beat Gremillet, 6-0, 6-1.
H. Owen Hughes beat Sai Wai-liang, 6-2, 7-5.

Thursday's Matches.
As Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are Race Days, there will be no matches, but on Thursday H. D. Rumjahn and Taul Wai-pui will again be figuring.

J. Barrow v F. Hale.
W. Wirth v J. W. Leonard.
J. J. White v F. H. Kwok.
Lee Wai-tsoi v F. Grose.
G. W. Sewell v A. E. Guest.
Taul Wai-pui v G. Lui.
H. D. Rumjahn v Lee Wai-tong.

"DREAMS" LECTURE.

DR. E. L. ALLEN TO TALK
AT Y.M.C.A.

What promises to be a lecture of exceptional interest, is to be given by Dr. E. L. Allen, M.A., Ph.D., Minister of the Kowloon Union Church, at the European Y.M.C.A., at 9 p.m. on Monday next, when he will talk on "Dreams."

The lecture will be given in the new social hall, and ladies, members and friends and Servicemen are cordially welcomed to attend and enjoy participation in discussing this absorbing topic.

Dr. Allen has made an extensive study of the phenomena of dreams, and the function promises to be one of the most successful organized this season by the Literary and Debating Society of the Y.M.C.A.

Z. E. W. is arranging to relay the lecture and it should be noted that questions will be invited by the speaker.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
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The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

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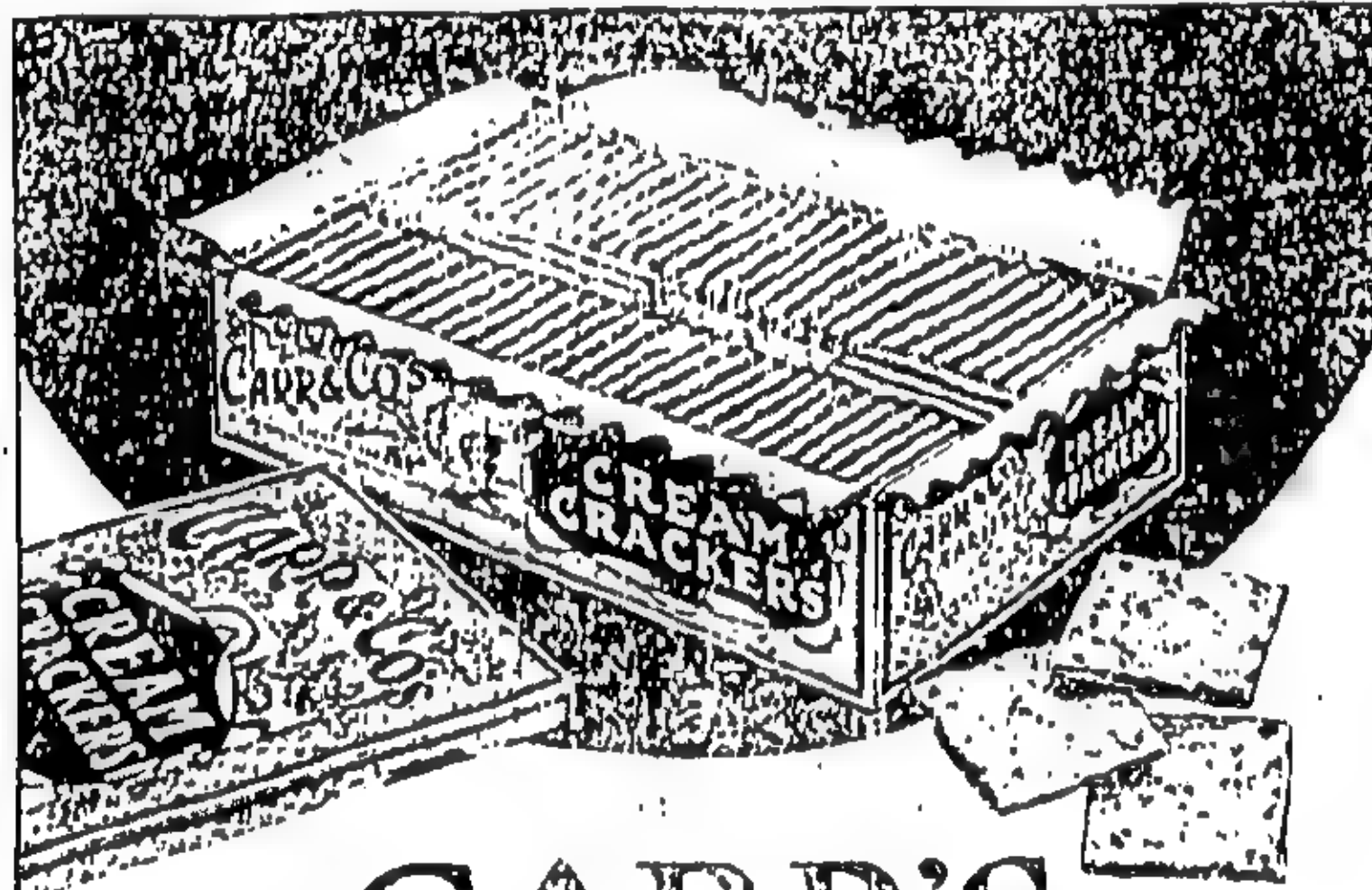


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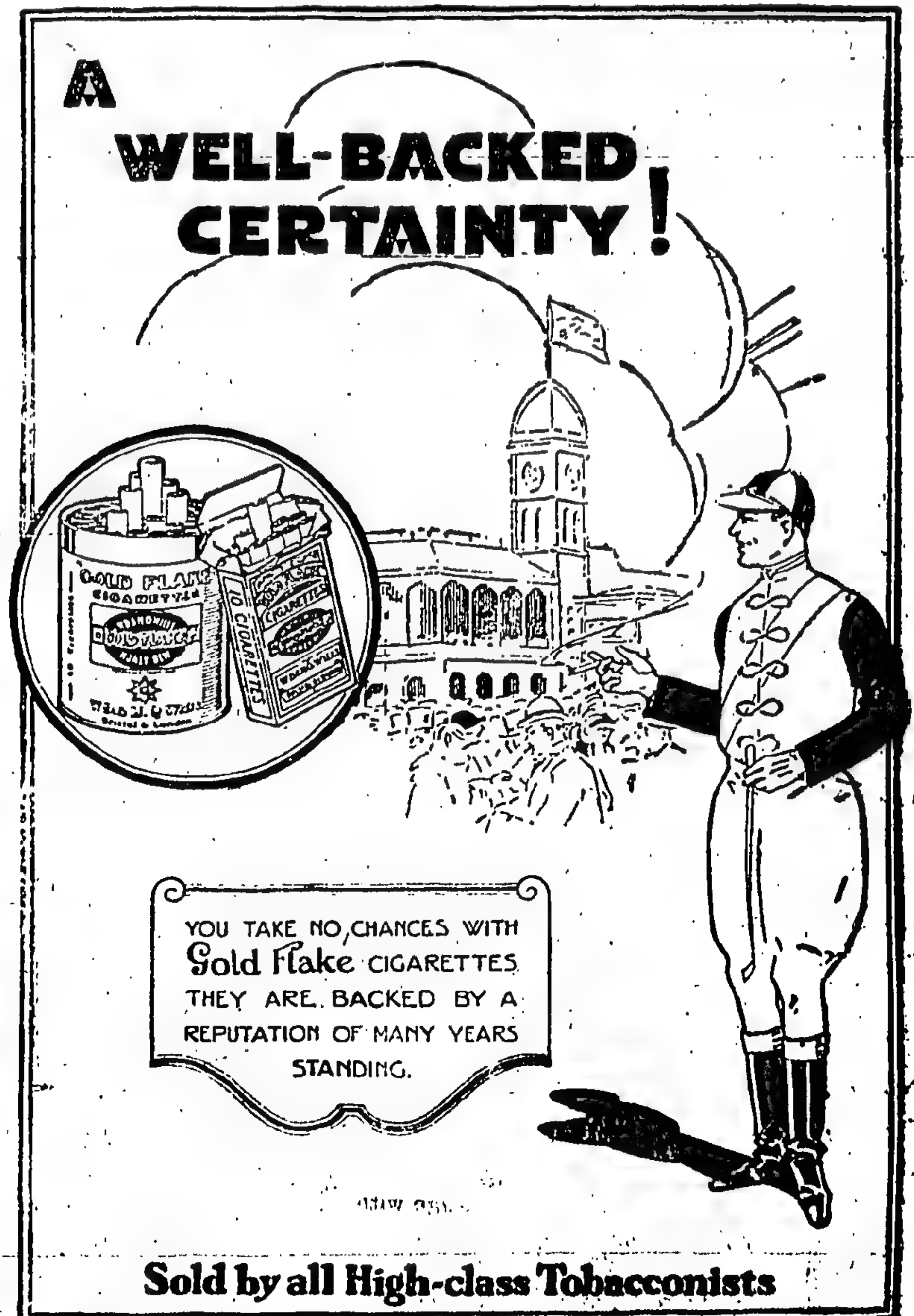
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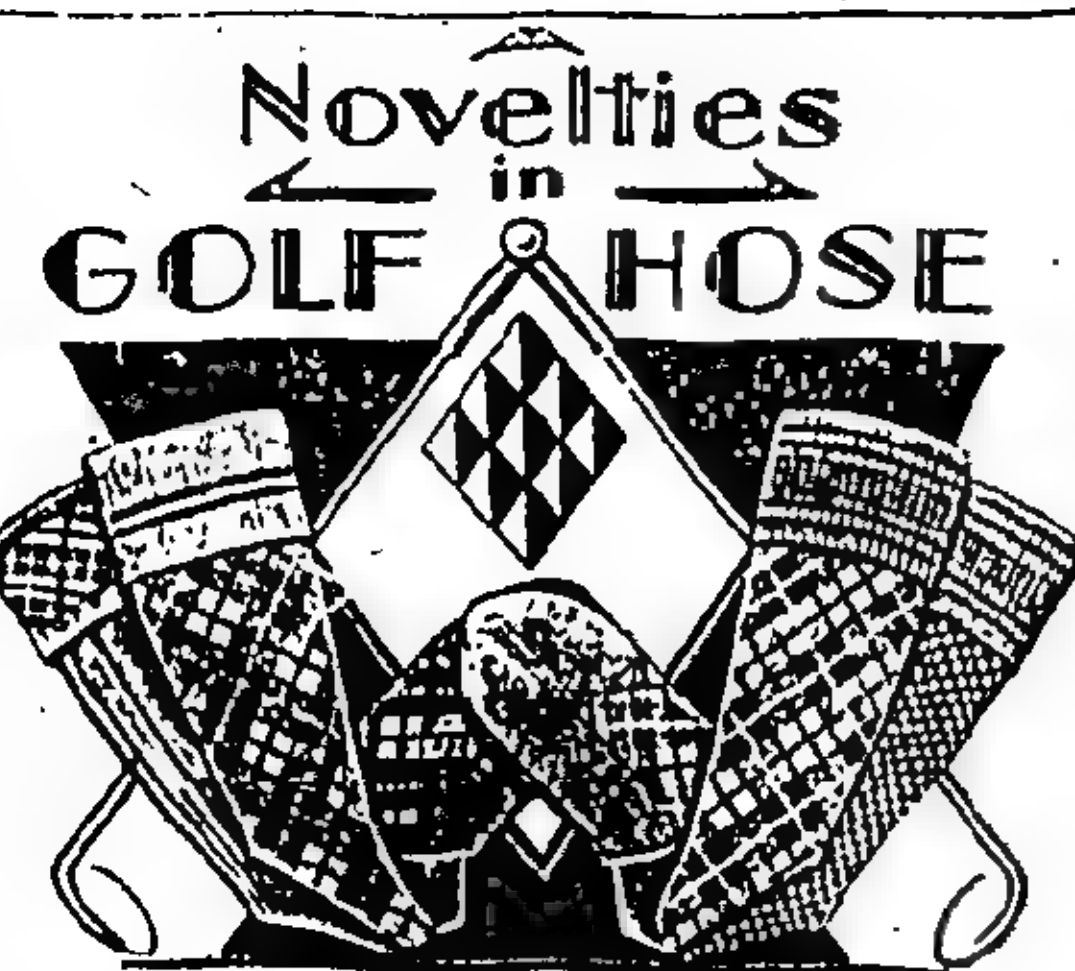
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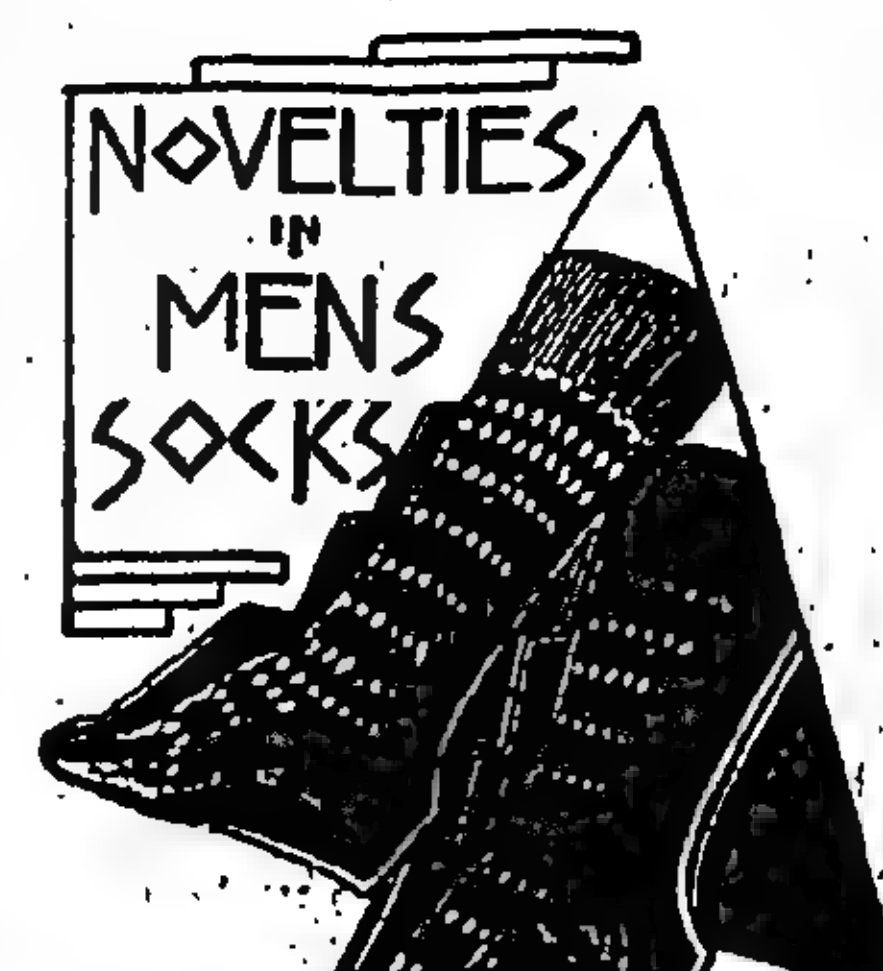
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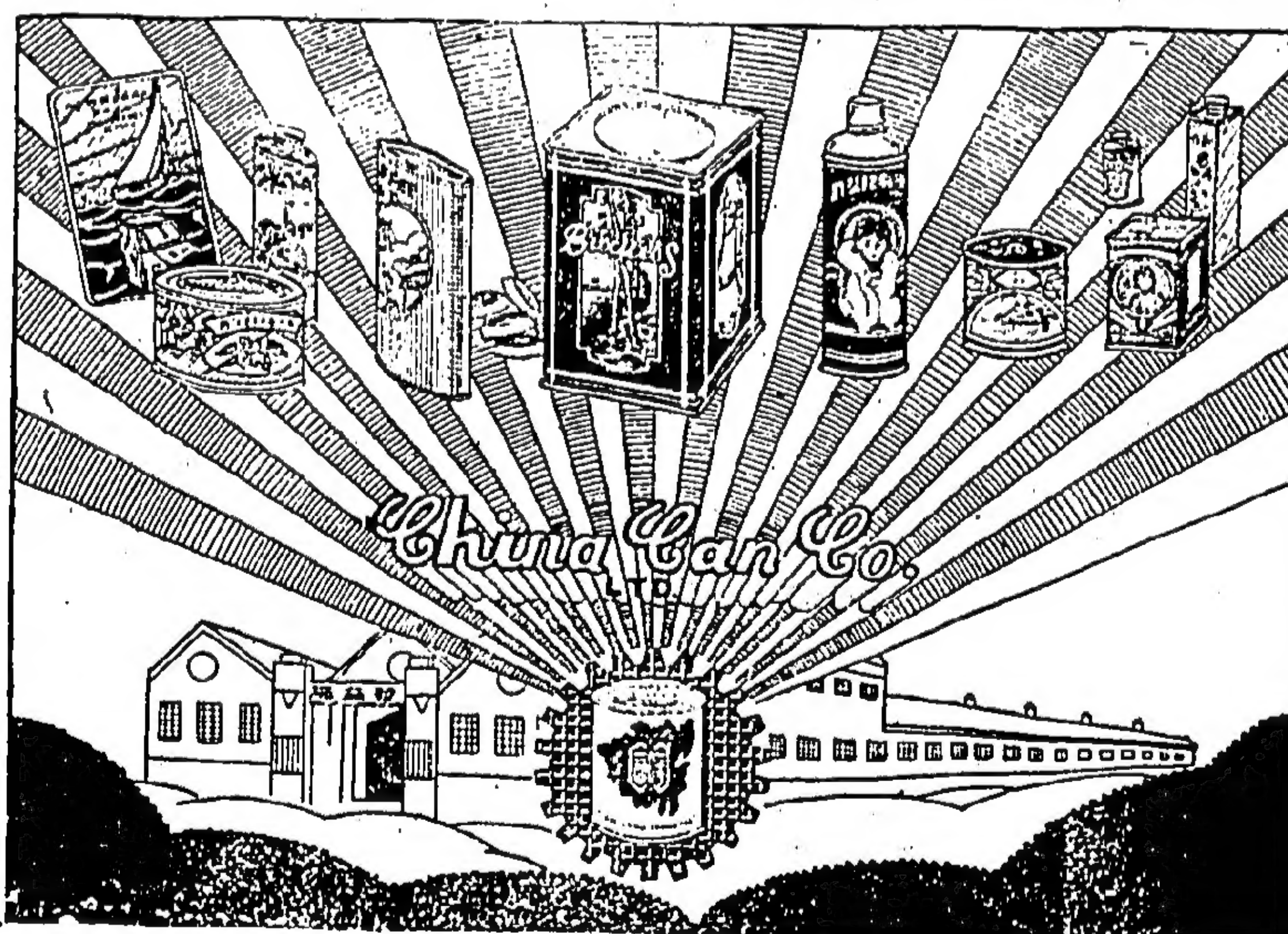
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OBITUARY.

POLICE OFFICER DIES WHILE ON LEAVE.

His many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn of the death which took place at Edinburgh, on February 10, of Sub-Inspector James Cargill, of the Hongkong Police Force, who went home on leave a year ago on Thursday. News of his demise was received in Hongkong by relatives.

Joining the Hongkong Police Force in 1920, the late Sub-Inspector Cargill was promoted to Sergeant in 1925 and passed, with credit, his examinations for the rank of Sub-Inspector, to which post he was appointed in 1930.

Prior to going on leave in February 1931, the late officer was attached to the Fingerprints Office. Two and a half years after joining the Force Sub-Inspector Cargill was commended by the Captain Superintendent Police for diligence in the discharge of his duties in Yaumatei on June 28, 1922.

The late Sub-Inspector Cargill was married about four years ago to a niece of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ramsey, of Kowloon Docks. He went on leave on February 18, 1931. He was to have returned at the end of the year but owing to illness was given six months' extension.

During the War Sub-Inspector Cargill saw service in Gallipoli and Upper Egypt in the Fifth Machine Gun Company. He was only 36 years of age and the deepest sympathy will be extended to his widow and relatives.

SHANGHAI RELIEF.

CHINESE LADY'S BIG DONATION.

Among the contributions which have been made for the relief of the distress in Shanghai is a sum of \$50,000 from Mrs. Fung Ping-shan, the wife of the well-known Chinese philanthropist, who has made numerous big donations to charity and education on previous occasions. The \$50,000 has been remitted to Shanghai through the Bank of East Asia. The Tung Wah Hospital's collections on Thursday amounted to \$11,000, including \$2,000 from Mr. Fung Ping-shan, and a few donations of \$1,000 each.

Sir Robert Ho Tung remitted a few days ago a sum of \$20,000 to

HUSBAND AND WIFE DISAGREE.

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She rejoined: "If you do, I'll show you something." What he then did was to go up and slap her in the face. She returned the blow by slapping his face in turn.

Continuing, witness said that his wife seized his tie and tore his waistcoat and tried to kick him, succeeding in landing one kick on the stomach. Witness claimed that as a result of that kick he could not sleep that night.

After the incident his wife asked him to send for her brother, and witness accordingly went to Mr. Bux's house and told him of the incident.

Went Back to Mother.

Witness said he went to his work but at 11:30 time did not go home, preferring to go for a ride on a tram. When he returned in the evening his wife had left. His mother who was at home told him that Mrs. Farid's mother had come to the house, and, after a whispered conversation with her daughter for twenty minutes, the two had left the house.

The next morning, witness continued, he went to his brother-in-law's house and asked his wife to return to him. She refused and asked for the custody of her children. Words then passed between Mr. Bux and himself in the course of which Mr. Bux ordered him out of the house and also threatened to assault him.

The hearing will be continued on March 1.

the Citizens Emergency Committee in Shanghai for the relief of the refugees.

It is learned on good authority that many big Chinese firms will be contributing various sums for the relief of Shanghai distress and the workers have all volunteered to give part of their monthly salaries. Chinese doctors have been most enthusiastic in assisting and a few of them will be going to Shanghai in person to participate in the relief work. It is learned that Dr. Li Sung, M.B., B.S., among others, has definitely decided to go to the North.

Dr. Li Sung is leaving by the President Cleveland for Shanghai as a medical volunteer to serve with the Red Cross organization there. It is understood that other Chinese medical men will be volunteering their services similarly.

Mr. Cheo Chong, of the Sun Company, has contributed \$11,000

THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

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Mary-Frances to avenge closer to Ermintrude and put a tightening arm about her waist. "Darling," she murmured, "I got to. I just got to. Don't you realize, can't you understand that if I were cruel to him now, and proved to be nothing but a mere sickle coquette and everything, two lives would be ruined?"

"Maybe not," urged Ermintrude, distractedly optimistic, "maybe it might just turn out to be one of these terrible mistakes afterwards, anyway. Let's—let's run or something. Oh, please! It's just terrible. It's—it's not refined."

"Ermintrude!" he was so close now that the tap of his stick on the walk was the loudest sound in the world. "If you don't stay by me, like you promised last night, and be my true friend and everything—then we just part forever right now, and that's all."

"Hello, girls," said Earl DeArmount. Ermintrude's chin went high in the air; but Mary-Frances' chin turned slowly (nonchalant savouring with winsomeness), came to rest just above the blue jersey shoulder nearest Mr. DeArmount, and, as she undoubtedly would have phrased it, she lifted timid eyes to meet his manly gaze.

"How about some ice cream?" and Earl DeArmount. He had seemed to be speaking to Ermintrude, so perhaps she was within her rights when she answered, "No. We couldn't possibly."

"I ought to apologize," he began. "As a matter of fact, if I'd stopped to think I'd known that you girls wouldn't, maybe, stand for a fresh guy hounding in like this—see? I'm a stranger here myself—see?—and I just wanted to be friendly. You understand how I mean, don't you?"

"Understand all," murmured Mary-Frances. "Understand all."

(To be Continued.)

to the Fong Bin Hospital in Canton for the provision of relief for refugees coming down from Shanghai.

In connexion with the fund for relief of distress in Shanghai, we are informed that the \$10,000 mentioned in our issue of Thursday as coming from Fukien merchants was in fact subscribed by Chichow and Swatow merchants in Hongkong.

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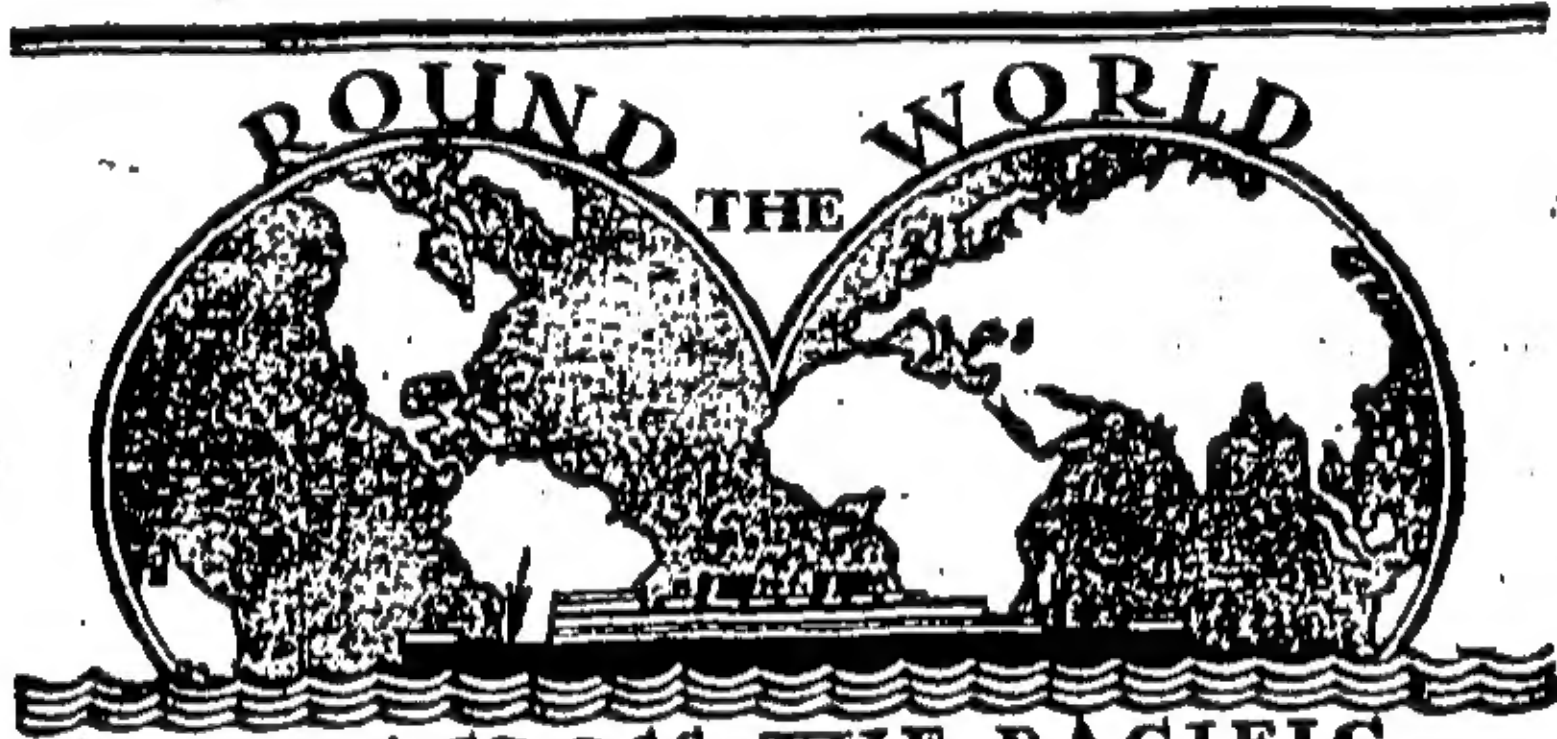
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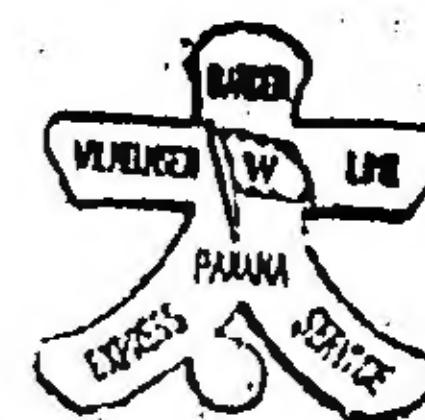
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U.S. AND THE WORLD COURT.

MANY ORGANISATIONS IN FAVOUR.

More than 98 per cent. of the replies received in a survey of representative groups in the United States, the National World Court Committee announces, favour ratification by the Senate of the protocols accepting membership by the U.S. of the World Court of International Justice at the Hague.

A 60-page pamphlet listing 27 national organisations which have adopted resolutions endorsing prompt ratification, and analysing the attitude of nearly 6,000 individuals, has been sent to members of the Senate.

The Committee reported that 5,819 individuals responded favourably, while only 85 objected to ratification. The opinion of 810 heads of universities and colleges was unanimous. Other summaries given out by the Committee were: Railroad officials, 75 favourable; three unfavourable; life and fire insurance officials, 203 favourable; three unfavourable; professors of international law and international relations, 60 favourable; two unfavourable; professors in law schools, 475 favourable; 10 unfavourable; city school superintendents, 1,158 favourable; four unfavourable; county judges, 1,031 favourable; four unfavourable; members of the National Bar, 430 favourable; 12 unfavourable; members of the American Bar, 1,557 favourable; 15 unfavourable.

The following organisations were listed as among those which urged ratification of the World Court Protocol: American Bar Association, American Federation of Labour, American Federation of Teachers, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Church Peace Union, General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the National Council for the Prevention of War.

CHICAGO'S WAR ON OUTLAWS.

CO-OPERATION OF POLICE AND PUBLIC.

Seventy outlaws were killed by Chicago policemen and citizens this year. The police killed 29 bandits, burglars and automobile thieves; citizens killed 26 and 5 were shot by private watchmen.

Last year, 63 bandits were slain by policemen and 29 by citizens. Only eight policemen were slain in the performance of duty, as against 11 in 1930.

During this year, more than 150 bandits were wounded by police and citizens.

VITAL DAY AT SHANGHAI.

CHINESE PREPARE FOR DEFENCE.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE.

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 6.20 p.m. With the Japanese demands rejected, the Chinese have redoubled their preparations to meet the general assault.

Reinforcements were rushed this morning to the adjoining districts of Chapel, Kiangwan and Woosung.

A big force of troops under the command of General Kuo Tso-dong, Chairman of the Kiangsu Provincial Government, is prepared to move into the lines.

The Japanese have continued moving up into position in the battle-line all this morning and early afternoon. Aeroplanes flew over, watching the Chinese positions and movements.

Sixty Japanese planes stationed at the new Kung Dah Aerodrome are being held ready. Our Own Correspondent.

Offer of Money.
Shanghai, Feb. 19, 6.20 p.m. Certain vast Chinese interests in the Settlement are reported to have offered the Nineteenth Route Army the sum of \$300,000 to withdraw.

A verbal reply was made to this offer, it is said, that the Army is willing to withdraw for a million taels.

General C. Y. Wang, Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Nineteenth Army, stated this afternoon that the Army will not withdraw, adding that he was speaking on behalf of General Tsiang Kai, the commander of the Army.

General Wang said that the Japanese demands were flatly and unconditionally rejected by General Tsiang Kai. He continued: "The Chinese reply to the ultimatum will be delivered at Japanese Headquarters this afternoon. The text has been drafted and referred to the National Government for final approval of the wording and phraseology."

"Our troops have never stepped into the International Settlement. They are stationed in their own territory. It is ridiculous that the Japanese, while attacking us with the Settlement as their base, should demand that we withdraw from our territory. We would rather die upon the battlefield than accept these unreasonable demands."—Our Own Correspondent.

Merely Acknowledgments.
Shanghai, Feb. 19, 11.40 p.m. Mr. Wu Teh-chen's and Gen. Tsiang Kai's replies delivered at 7.30 were merely acknowledgments of the ultimatum. Mr. Wu Teh-chen stated that he has submitted Mr. Murai's letter to the Japanese.

FOREIGN AIRMEN WARNED.

NO JOBS GOING IN CHINA.

Ottawa, Feb. 19. In the Canadian House of Commons, the Premier read a cable from the Trade Commissioner at Shanghai, intimating that there is not the slightest chance of the three hundred Canadian airmen being employed in the Chinese Air Force.

The telegram added that five Canadian airmen who went to China on their own initiative were already stranded.—Reuter.

ter to the Foreign Ministry. Gen. Tsiang Kai pointing out that his troops are an integral part of the Chinese army, whose orders will direct its actions. He adds that he has therefore submitted Gen. Uyeda's letter to the National Government, and the Foreign Ministry will communicate in due course with the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

It appears likely that China's official reply will not be delivered before the ultimatum expires.—Reuter.

Canton Exhorts Rejection.
Canton, Feb. 19. The military leaders to-day have cabled to Gen. Tsiang Kai not to yield to Japan's ultimatum, and to resist the invasion.—Central Press.

Japan's Attitude.
Tokyo, Feb. 19. Although it is stated that Japanese troops are determined to drive back the 19th Army if it fails to comply with the demands of the ultimatum, official quarters declare that there is no intention of pursuing them beyond 20 kilometres.—Reuter.

Cabinet Warned.
Tokyo, Feb. 19. According to a press report, the War Minister, speaking to the Cabinet, warned them that the situation at Shanghai was threatening to assume more serious proportions, as a large number of troops under Chiang Kai-shek were proceeding to Shanghai to reinforce the Nineteenth Army. The Cabinet members are reported to have agreed to do their utmost to prevent the situation developing in such a way as to necessitate a declaration of war.—Reuter.

Airmen Offer Aid.
Ottawa, Feb. 19. The Chinese Consul General is sending to Nanking a memorandum on behalf of "fixed" Air Force men stating that there are sufficient Canadian jobless airmen to furnish two complete air squadrons for Chinese defence, each squadron equipped with eighteen machine-guns.

These could be supplemented by United States airmen, who are also offering assistance. The estimated cost is \$3,000,000 for two years. At present 70 officers and 350 men are available.—Reuter's American Service.

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IRISH ELECTIONS.

REPUBLICANS GAINING THE LEAD.

Dublin, Feb. 19. Victory for Eamon De Valera over William T. Cosgrave (Government party) seems certain to-day as returns from the elections

for parliament come in slowly from the country. The race was close and exciting and, with less than one third of the returns in, the standing this afternoon was:
De Valera party 23
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Labour 2
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